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Proposed law requires the administration of a pregnancy test for any woman arrested and taken into custody during the intake process at every state and local correctional facility.

Present law allows the court to suspend the sentences for individuals convicted of certain noncapital felonies and to place the defendant on probation.

Proposed law authorizes the court to consider whether the defendant is pregnant at the time of sentencing and whether participation in a medically appropriate prenatal care program, residential treatment program, or substance use disorder treatment program would serve the interests of justice and public safety.

Present law requires the court to accord weight to certain grounds in its determination of suspension of sentence or probation.

Proposed law adds the consideration of whether a defendant is pregnant at the time of sentencing and whether an alternative sentence involving community-based supervision and participation in a prenatal care, maternal health, or substance use disorder treatment program would be appropriate.

Proposed law establishes sentencing considerations and conditions of probation for pregnant defendants.

Proposed law requires the La. Dept. of Health to maintain and make available to courts, upon request, a list of publicly and privately available programs that may satisfy the requirements of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:744.9 and C.Cr.P. Arts. 893(A)(5), 894.1(B)(34), and 894.6)