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HB No. 158

Abstract: Provides for a pilot program which will authorize the district attorney to conduct supervised probation in certain cases.

Present law provides for probation supervision conducted by DPS&C.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the district attorneys of the 14th, 16th, and 36th Judicial Districts to implement a pilot program to provide for the supervision of first and second felony offenders who are eligible for probation or deferral of a sentence. Provides that persons convicted of a crime of violence or a sex offense shall not be eligible to participate in the program.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the sentencing court, with the consent of the district attorney, may order the supervised probation of an offender who is otherwise eligible to be conducted by the district attorney.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that when the court places the defendant on supervised probation by the district attorney, it shall order as a condition of supervision a monthly fee of not less than \$60 nor more than \$110 payable to the district attorney to defray the cost of supervision. The court may, in lieu of the monthly supervision fee, require the defendant to perform a specified amount of community service work each month if the court finds the defendant is unable to pay the minimum supervision fee.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the district attorney or the court may terminate an offender's participation in the program and order that the offender be supervised by DPS&C.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for evaluation of the program and reports to the legislature before the 2017 R.S.

(Adds R.S. 15:571.37)