
DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a Diversion Oversight Committee to examine district attorney operated diversion programs statewide.

Proposed law creates a Diversion Oversight Committee to examine district attorney operated diversion programs statewide which shall oversee aspects of programs that divert a defendant from prosecution, incarceration, or confinement to an alternative program or treatment.

Proposed law provides for the following duties:

- (1) Collect data pertaining to those enrolled in DA Diversion Programs.
- (2) Publish reports on the equity, quality, accessibility, and effectiveness of DA Diversion Programs.
- (3) Require that the funds received from participants in a DA Diversion Program be allocated in equal parts to local district attorney offices, to local indigent defense offices, to the criminal court fund in the judicial district, and the sheriff's general fund.
- (4) Review the financial statements of DA Diversion Programs.

Proposed law requires the Diversion Oversight Committee to publish data as provided in proposed law and any conclusions by the committee based on such data on an annual basis.

Proposed law gives the committee the authority to require that the funds received from participants in a DA Diversion Program be allocated in equal parts to local district attorney offices, to local indigent defense offices, to the criminal court fund in the judicial district, and the sheriff's general fund. Proposed law further provides that in order to confirm the proper allocation, the DA Diversion Oversight Committee has the authority to examine the financial statements of the district attorney as they pertain to any DA Diversion Programs.

Proposed law also allows for the Diversion Oversight Committee to adopt regulations or policies pertaining to operations and procedures.

(Adds R.S. 16:1025 - 1030)