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Abstract: Creates a drug paraphernalia needle exchange program.

Present law defines "drug paraphernalia".

Proposed law excludes fentanyl testing equipment as "drug paraphernalia".

Proposed law creates a needle exchange program for the following purposes:

- 1) Reduce the spread of HIV, AIDS, viral hepatitis, and other bloodborne diseases in the state.
- (2) Reduce needle stick injuries to law enforcement officers and other emergency personnel.

Proposed law provides an exception for criminal liability to persons employed with a needle exchange program acting in their official capacity.

(Amends R.S. 40:1021(A)(5) and 1024(C); Adds R.S. 40:1024(D) and (E))