
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to eligibility to participate in the inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program by persons convicted of certain crimes of violence and violations of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law.

Present law provides for the inmate rehabilitation and workforce development program operated by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Present law prohibits certain persons from participating in the program if the person has been convicted of any of the following:

- (1) A sex offense as defined in present law (R.S. 15:541).
- (2) A crime of violence as defined in present law (R.S. 14:2(B)).
- (3) A habitual offender sentenced in accordance with present law (R.S. 15:529.1).

Proposed law amends the present law eligibility requirements to authorize persons convicted of certain crimes of violence to participate in the program, but prohibits persons convicted of the following present law offenses from participating in the program:

- (1) First degree murder.
- (2) Second degree murder.
- (3) Manslaughter.
- (4) Second degree or forcible rape.
- (5) Aggravated arson.
- (6) Armed robbery.
- (7) Attempted first degree murder.
- (8) Attempted second degree murder.

(9) Attempted armed robbery.

Proposed law further provides that any inmate convicted of producing, manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing or possessing with intent to produce, manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled dangerous substance shall be eligible to participate in the program if the inmate is otherwise in compliance with the standards for the program.

(Amends R.S. 15:1199.7(C)(2); Adds R.S. 15:1199.7(D))