

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 251 (SB 548)

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New law provides that any district attorney, alone or working with the district attorney of an adjacent judicial district, may create a special pretrial diversion program for defendants who meet the following requirements:

- (1) The individual is a veteran as defined by present law.
- (2) The defendant has been diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) as a result of military service and provides documentation of his diagnosis to the court.

Provides that at the discretion of the district attorney, after costs associated with the administration of the program are paid, a portion of all remaining monies collected may be distributed to entities within the judicial district, or within the judicial districts participating in the program, that provide rehabilitative services and treatment to veterans who have been diagnosed with PTSD.

Effective upon signature of the governor (May 15, 2018).

(Adds R.S. 15:244)