

## **RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**

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**Smith**

Requests the creation of the La. Women's Incarceration Task Force to study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's criminal justice system as it relates to women. The information gathered shall be used to develop policy recommendations for the legislature to:

- (1) Develop practices and processes that avoid placing additional trauma or harm upon women as they navigate the criminal justice system.
- (2) Reduce both the correctional population and recidivism of women.
- (3) Address the holistic health of women to include access to hormone therapy, prenatal care, reproductive health, access to other medicine to maintain health, consistent health screenings, mental health access, and access to substance use and recovery resources.
- (4) Increase and evaluate programming available to women during and after incarceration with the intention of self-determined development.
- (5) Increase and ensure the availability of gender responsive resources to support the dignity and quality of life of all women.
- (6) Reinvest savings into strategies shown to decrease recidivism, including improved reentry outcomes, diversion programs, and employment pipelines.