
DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits the use of solitary confinement for certain persons.

Present law provides that no prisoner in the state penitentiary shall be placed in solitary confinement, except in enforcing obedience to the police regulations of the penitentiary.

Proposed law provides that, notwithstanding present law, no prisoner in any penal or correctional institution or jail who is pregnant, is less than eight weeks post medical release following a pregnancy, or is caring for a child in a penal or correctional institution, or who suffers from a serious mental illness which contributes or causes the prisoner to be dangerous to self or others, or interferes seriously with the prisoner's ability to function adequately except with supportive treatment or services, or renders the prisoner gravely disabled as defined by present law (R.S. 28:2), shall be placed in solitary confinement.

(Amends R.S. 15:865)