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HOUSE BILL NO. 904

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BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

CORRECTIONS: Provides relative to malfeasance in office committed by volunteers and contract workers of DPS&C

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:134.1(A), relative to malfeasance in office; to provide with 3 respect to malfeasance in office involving prohibited sexual conduct; and to provide 4 for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 14:134.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §134.1. Malfeasance in office; sexual conduct prohibited with persons in the 8 custody and supervision of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections 9 A. It shall be unlawful and constitute malfeasance in office for any of the 10 following persons to engage in sexual intercourse or any other sexual conduct with 11 a person who is under their supervision and who is confined in a prison, jail, work 12 release facility, or correctional institution, or who is under the supervision of the 13 division of probation and parole, or who is detained or arrested: 14

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Expands the definition of the crime of malfeasance in office to include sexual conduct with a person who is detained or arrested.

<u>Present law</u> provides that it is unlawful and constitutes malfeasance in office for any person who is a law enforcement officer, an employee of DPS&C, an employee of any prison, jail, or correctional institution, or any person employed by entities operating work release facilities of DPS&C, to engage in sexual conduct with persons under their supervision.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also prohibits sexual intercourse or any other sexual conduct with a person who is detained or arrested.

(Amends R.S. 14:134.1(A))