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Abstract: Prohibits the physical presence of fentanyl in courthouses and provides for evidence procedures and exceptions.

<u>Present law</u> permits fentanyl to be brought into courthouses as evidence during trials.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits bringing fentanyl into courthouses when it is used as evidence.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for methods of introducing fentanyl into evidence without bringing the substance into a courthouse.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides judges with discretion to allow fentanyl in the courthouse when necessary for the purposes of trial.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the law enforcement agency shall notify court security when fentanyl is brought into the courthouse as evidence.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that only a law enforcement officer who has been trained to handle controlled dangerous substances shall handle fentanyl when being used as evidence during the trial.

(Adds C.E. Art. 906 and R.S. 15:285)