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DIGEST

SCR No. 99

Requests the La. Public Defender Bd. to study whether the statewide public defender system should be privatized via a system of exclusively contract employment and report its findings to the legislature by January 15, 2015.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

- 1. Change description of current scheme of public defender offices.
- 2. Add provisions relative to regulatory authority, control, supervision, and jurisdiction of the La. Public Defender Bd.
- 3. Add provision regarding exoneration rates.
- 4. Add provision regarding insufficient funding of certain public defender offices.
- 5. Add provision regarding the board's strategic plan.
- 6. Add provision regarding salaries of public defender office attorneys and support staff.
- 7. Change date report of board is due to legislature <u>from</u> January 10, 2014, <u>to</u> January 15, 2015.

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