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Burrell HB No. 274

Abstract: Authorizes the 26th and 1st JDC to create a reentry division of court, and adds certain notification requirements.

<u>Present law</u> provides for certain guidelines for issuance of sentences providing inmate rehabilitation and workforce development.

<u>Present law</u> requires the court to advise the defendant of certain provisions when offering the defendant the opportunity to request participation in the workforce development sentencing program.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds treatment in a substance abuse program as a possible condition related to participation in the program.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the 11th JDC, the 19th JDC, the 22nd JDC, and the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans to create a reentry division which would be responsible for developing a workforce development sentencing program with specific qualifications and requirements.

Proposed law authorizes the 1st and 26th JDC to establish a reentry division of court.

(Amends R.S. 13:5401(B)(3)(b); Adds R.S. 13:5401(C)(5) and (6))