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HOUSE BILL NO. 274

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COURTS: Provides relative to reentry courts

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:5401(B)(3)(b) and to enact R.S. 13:5401(C)(5) and (6),
3 relative to reentry courts; to require certain notification by the court to the defendant;
4 to authorize the creation of a reentry division of the Twenty-Sixth and First Judicial
5 District Courts; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:5401(B)(3)(b) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
8 13:5401(C)(5) and (6) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §5401. District courts; reentry courts; subject matter

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11 B. Participation in the workforce development sentencing program as
12 authorized by the provisions of this Section shall be subject to the following
13 provisions:

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15 (3) In offering a defendant the opportunity to request the program, the court
16 shall advise the defendant of the following:

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18 (b) The court may impose any conditions reasonably related to the
19 rehabilitation of the defendant, including ordering the defendant to participate and
20 complete a substance abuse treatment program.

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1 C. The following district courts may assign certain divisions of the court as
2 a reentry division of court in accordance with the provisions of this Section:

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4 (5) The Twenty-Sixth Judicial District Court.

5 (6) The First Judicial District Court.

DIGEST

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

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

Present law 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.

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

Present law 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 JDCs to establish a reentry division of court.

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