



## LOUISIANA SENATE

### \*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*

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#### **SENATOR MORRELL SETS SPECIAL HEARING TO EXAMINE PRE-TRIAL SERVICES IN NEW ORLEANS**

The Orleans Justice and Rehabilitation Reform Commission chaired by District 3 State Senator Jean-Paul “JP” Morrell, will hold a special hearing in New Orleans to discuss pre-trial services in New Orleans. Representatives from the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Probation and Parole office will be in attendance. Representatives from the Vera Institute of Justice Pre-Trial Services System, a nonpartisan center for justice policy and practice, and the Pelican Institute for Public Policy, a nonpartisan research and educational organization founded by Kevin Kane in 2008 to conduct scholarly research and analysis, will also be in attendance.

#### **ORLEANS JUSTICE AND REHABILITATION REFORM COMMISSION**

##### ***New Orleans Pretrial Services Hearing***

January 8, 2014

10:00 A.M.

New Orleans City Council Chambers  
1300 Perdido St. | New Orleans, LA

New Orleans Pretrial Services is partially funded by the city and operated under contract by the nonprofit Vera Institution of Justice. The pretrial program uses an empirically based risk assessment instrument to assess every person booked into the jail for a state misdemeanor or felony offence. It provides the court, prosecutor and defense council with information about each defendant’s risk of failing to appear for court or of re-offending and assists released defendants to know and meet their court-ordered obligations.

For more information contact Senator Morrell’s district office at 504.284.4794.

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