

1 community advocates, developed recommendations and proposed legislation affecting
2 sentencing and corrections practices with the goal of reducing the corrections population and
3 associated spending, expanding research-based supervision and sentencing practices, and
4 strategically reinvesting savings to reduce recidivism and improve reentry outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, realization of the savings encompassed in the Louisiana Justice
6 Reinvestment Task Force's recommendations, which were ultimately adopted by the
7 legislature through the enactment of ten legislative instruments, is dependent upon the
8 successful reentry of the offender into society leading to an overall reduction in recidivism;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, to this end, it is necessary that each offender sentenced to the custody
11 of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections be given the opportunity to participate
12 in programs offered by the department to prepare offenders for their return to their
13 communities and to remain there as productive citizens.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to review its catalog of
16 rehabilitative programs and each program's eligibility requirements to determine whether a
17 program is available to every offender in its custody and whether such programs are
18 adequate to prepare offenders for reentry into the community.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
20 shall report its findings and any recommendations for legislative changes to the legislature
21 no later than January 1, 2019.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
23 to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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