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2017 Regular Session

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 200

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

CRIMINAL/JUSTICE: Directs the La. State Law Institute to review criminal justice legislation enacted during the 2017 Regular Session and its consistency with other provisions of Louisiana law

A RESOLUTION

2	To direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and review legislation relative to the
3	criminal justice system enacted during the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature,
4	to study and review its incorporation into Louisiana law, and to identify and
5	recommend necessary changes to correct any inconsistencies with other provisions
6	of Louisiana law that may exist.
7	WHEREAS, according to United States Bureau of Justice Statistics, Louisiana has
8	the highest incarceration rate in the United States; and
9	WHEREAS, over the last several years, Louisiana has taken steps to implement
10	cost-effective, evidence-based practices and programs to control the growth in the state's
11	prison population; and
12	WHEREAS, in order to build upon this promising foundation and chart a data-driven
13	course for comprehensive reform, in the 2015 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature
14	passed House Concurrent Resolution No. 82 which created the Louisiana Justice
15	Reinvestment Task Force (Task Force), under the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Sentencing
16	Commission and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections; and
17	WHEREAS, beginning work in June 2016, the Task Force, comprised of legislators,
18	judges, defense lawyers, prosecutors, law enforcement, faith leaders, and community
19	advocates, was directed to develop recommendations for statutory and budgetary changes
20	affecting sentencing and corrections practices with the goal of reducing the corrections

1 population and associated spending, expanding research-based supervision and sentencing 2 practices, and strategically reinvesting savings to reduce recidivism and improve reentry 3 outcomes; and 4 WHEREAS, as a result of the Task Force's work, a report was issued in March of 2017, and several legislative instruments were introduced in the 2017 Regular Session of the 5 6 Legislature including Senate Bill Nos. 16, 139, 220, and 221 and House Bill Nos. 116, 249, 7 489, 519, 680, and 681; and 8 WHEREAS, in addition to legislation directly affecting the criminal justice system 9 including the reinvestment of savings into research-based programs that reduce recidivism 10 and legislation regarding victim notification and services, criminal offenses, probation, 11 parole, diminution of sentence for good behavior, certified treatment and rehabilitation 12 programs, and criminal justice financial obligations; this legislative package impacted other 13 areas of Louisiana law including occupational licenses, public assistance, and child support; 14 and 15 WHEREAS, given the comprehensive nature of this legislative package and the 16 numerous provisions of law affected, it is necessary to conduct a comprehensive review of 17 the legislation and study its incorporation into and impact on other provisions of Louisiana 18 law. 19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and 21 review legislation relative to the criminal justice system enacted during the 2017 Regular 22 Session of the Legislature, to study and review its incorporation into Louisiana law, and to 23 identify and recommend necessary changes to correct any inconsistencies with other 24 provisions of Louisiana law that may exist. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall report 26 its findings to the legislature by March 1, 2018. 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 28 to the Louisiana State Law Institute.

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DIGEST

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