

1 solitary confinement in Louisiana prisons and the need for a comprehensive study of solitary
2 confinement is clear.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to gather basic data on the
5 use of solitary confinement in Louisiana, including but not limited to demographic data on
6 persons who are in solitary confinement, the duration of each person's solitary confinement,
7 and the reasons for placement in solitary confinement. The demographic data gathered by
8 the department shall include but is not limited to information on the person's race, sex, and
9 age, the offense for which the person was convicted, the length of the person's sentence, the
10 number of years the person has been incarcerated, and the number of years remaining on the
11 person's sentence. The department shall also collect personal statements from at least two
12 hundred current inmates on their experiences in solitary confinement.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
14 shall issue a report of its findings to the Louisiana Legislature by May 2021.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be provided
16 to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to gather basic data on the use of solitary confinement in La., including but not limited to demographic data on persons who are in solitary confinement, the duration of each person's solitary confinement, and the reasons for placement in solitary confinement. The department shall also collect personal statements from at least 200 current inmates on their experiences in solitary confinement. Requires the department to issue a report of its findings to the legislature by May 2021.