

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 213

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children to study and make recommendations to the Senate regarding the establishment of a statewide domestic violence registry.

WHEREAS, persons who commit offenses involving domestic violence, even after being released from incarceration or commitment, are of paramount governmental interest; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement officers' efforts to protect their communities, conduct investigations, and quickly apprehend persons who commit offenses involving domestic violence are impaired by the lack of information currently available to law enforcement agencies about persons convicted of offenses involving domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the release of information about persons who commit offenses involving domestic violence to public agencies may further the governmental interests of public safety and increase public scrutiny of the criminal and mental health systems so long as the information released is rationally related to the furtherance of those goals.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children to study and make recommendations to the Senate regarding the establishment of a statewide domestic violence registry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the select committee shall:

(1) In conducting the study, include consideration of feasibility studies, any other studies available to the select committee, and funding sources.

(2) Seek input and advice from the following:

(a) The Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

(b) The Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

(c) The Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police.

(d) The Louisiana State Police.

(e) The Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

(f) The American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana.

(g) Louisiana Survivors for Reform.

(h) Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR) Center.

(i) Any person, agency, entity, or stakeholder it deems necessary to fulfill the purposes of this Resolution.

(3) Convene for its first meeting no later than October 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any official action of the select committee shall require the affirmative approval of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for purposes of this study the select committee shall have all powers otherwise provided by law and by the rules of the Senate, as well as all powers inherent in legislative committees, and that the legislative members thereof shall receive the per diem and mileage provided for committees by the rules of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the select committee shall make a written report of its findings to the Senate, including submissions of one printed copy and one electronic copy thereof to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2023, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE