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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

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STATE EMPLOYEES: Requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and study the prevalence of remote work among state employees and to investigate the impact of such work on the local economy

1 A STUDY REQUEST

2 To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the prevalence of
3 remote work among state employees and to investigate the impact of such work on
4 the economy and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
5 end of the committee's present term on January 8, 2024.

6 WHEREAS, many state departments, offices, and agencies implemented work-from-
7 home policies beginning in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

8 WHEREAS, many state offices continue to allow employees to work from home; and

9 WHEREAS, the decrease in the number of state employees working in the office on
10 a daily basis had a negative impact on local and state economies and public safety; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana lacks a comprehensive study of the impact of remote work
12 on local and state economies and public safety.

13 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
14 that the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs study the following and
15 report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the end of the committee's present
16 term on January 8, 2024:

17 (1) The percentage of state employees that work from home reported on an average
18 daily basis and by location.

19 (2) The basis each department uses to determine remote working eligibility.

1 (3) The current economic impact on the state and local economies due to state
2 workers working remotely, including local sales taxes, office occupancy rates, and an
3 increase in crime.

DIGEST

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