

1 law enforcement transparency, performance, and accountability, and may improve the
2 documentation of evidence; and

3 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice categorizes pursuit policies into
4 three types as follows:

5 (1) Discretionary policies, which are the least restrictive and allow a law
6 enforcement officer to make all decisions, including when to initiate a pursuit and when to
7 stop it.

8 (2) Restrictive policies, which allow a law enforcement officer to seek advice from
9 his commanding officer or supervisor on whether or not to pursue.

10 (3) Discouraging policies, which are extremely cautious of any pursuits and only
11 recommend pursuits when there is no other solution, or the situation is so extreme as to
12 endanger the lives of others; and

13 WHEREAS, R.S. 32:24(B) permits the driver of an emergency vehicle, when in the
14 pursuit of an actual or suspected violator of the law, to do any of the following:

15 (1) Park or stand.

16 (2) Proceed past a red or stop signal or stop sign, but only after slowing down or
17 stopping as may be necessary for safe operation.

18 (3) Exceed the maximum speed limits so long as the driver does not endanger life
19 or property.

20 (4) Disregard regulations governing the direction of movement or turning in
21 specified directions; and

22 WHEREAS, revised high-speed pursuit policies may assist law enforcement agencies
23 in pursuing and apprehending suspects in a manner which ensures the safety of both law
24 enforcement officers and the communities they protect.

25 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
26 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the House Committee on the
27 Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, to study and make
28 recommendations concerning the policies and procedures of high-speed pursuits by law
29 enforcement officers and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
30 convening of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in undertaking the study, that the House Committee
2 on the Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, may seek input from
3 all of the following:

- 4 (1) The chief of police of the Baton Rouge Police Department, or his designee.
- 5 (2) The sheriff of East Baton Rouge Parish, or his designee.
- 6 (3) The sheriff of West Baton Rouge Parish, or his designee.
- 7 (4) Any other interested stakeholders.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in undertaking the study, that the House Committee
9 on the Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, may request research,
10 documents, or data, conduct public hearings, and take any other actions it deems necessary
11 to carry out its functions.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on the Administration of
13 Criminal Justice shall prepare and submit a final report that contains a detailed statement of
14 the findings and policy recommendations to the House of Representatives prior to the
15 convening of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, and that such
16 recommendations shall include but not be limited to those relative to the following:

- 17 (1) General guidelines regarding the discretion of law enforcement officers to be
18 used before and during high-speed pursuits.
- 19 (2) Any limitations on the situations in which law enforcement officers are permitted
20 to engage in high-speed pursuits.
- 21 (3) General guidelines regarding law enforcement training relative to each law
22 enforcement agency's policies and procedures on high-speed pursuits.
- 23 (4) Legislation needed, if any, to address high-speed pursuits initiated by law
24 enforcement officers in this state.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
26 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
27 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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