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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, KNOX, AND LAFLEUR

PUBLIC HEALTH: Requests a study of the current system of reporting deaths in correctional institutions

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2 To request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation 3 with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, 4 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Sheriffs' 5 Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, to conduct a study on the current system of 6 7 reporting deaths of individuals committed to the custody of the Department of Public 8 Safety and Corrections and to the custody of a parish jail and the feasibility of 9 periodic analysis of mortality in correctional facilities in Louisiana as a means of 10 reducing carceral mortality, and to provide a report to the Legislature of Louisiana 11 no later than February 1, 2024. 12 WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving federal grant assistance for law enforcement, 13 the state is required to quarterly report deaths in parish prisons, state prisons, and private 14 correctional institutions; and 15 WHEREAS, mortality statistics are an important health tool for understanding and 16 addressing community health. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 18 request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation 19 with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the 20 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the 21 Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, to

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1 conduct a study on the current system of reporting deaths of individuals committed to the 2 custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and to the custody of a parish 3 jail and the feasibility of periodic analysis of mortality in correctional facilities in Louisiana 4 as a means of reducing carceral mortality. 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health of the Louisiana 6 Department of Health, in consultation with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the 7 8 Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and 9 Administration of Criminal Justice, shall submit a report to the Louisiana Legislature no 10 later than February 1, 2024. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 12 assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, the 13 president of the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the director of the Louisiana Public 14 Health Institute, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the

president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the executive director of the Louisiana

Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter

Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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Requests the office of public health of the La. Dept. of Health, in consultation with the La. State Coroner's Association, the La. Public Health Institute, the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, the La. Sheriffs' Association, and the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to conduct a study on the current system of reporting deaths of individuals committed to the custody of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections and to the custody of a parish jail and the feasibility of periodic analysis of mortality in correctional facilities in La. as a means of reducing carceral mortality.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice</u> to the <u>original bill</u>:

- 1. Make technical corrections.
- 2. Request the office of public health of the La. Dept. of Health to work in consultation with certain entities.
- 3. Remove Voice of the Experienced, Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law, the La. Stop Solitary Coalition, the Justice Collaborative, LLC, and the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions Clinic from the resolution.
- 4. Provide for a report to the legislature no later than Feb. 1, 2024.