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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR FOIL

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECT DEPT. Requests the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to publish certain prison population data on its website.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to allow public
3	download of the monthly Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional
4	Facilities and the underlying census data used to populate the informational
5	dashboards presented on the department's website in a downloadable Microsoft Excel
6	format.
7	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections actively gathers census
8	data relating to Louisiana's prison population; and
9	WHEREAS, the department uses the gathered census data to compile the Report of
10	the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities monthly; and
11	WHEREAS, the Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities
12	contains data relating to the number of persons housed in local facilities managed by parish
13	and municipal governments; and
14	WHEREAS, the Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities
15	contains data relating to the number of persons being housed by the Department of Public
16	Safety and Corrections on behalf of other agencies including U.S. Immigration and Customs
17	Enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Service, persons sentenced to parish prisons, and pre-trial
18	detainees in facilities operated by the department and in local facilities managed by parish

1	and municipal governments; and
2	WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections maintains a publicly
3	available website; and
4	WHEREAS, the department uses the gathered census data to populate multiple
5	informational dashboards on its website; and
6	WHEREAS, the department has the ability to allow visitors to its website to
7	download the data used to generate both the Report of the Offender Census at Local
8	Correctional Facilities and the informational dashboards from the website in Microsoft
9	Excel format; and
10	WHEREAS, the information contained in both the monthly Report of the Offender
11	Census at Local Correctional Facilities and the data presented on the department's website
12	is public record; and
13	WHEREAS the department will already provide the data used to generate both the
14	Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities and the informational
15	dashboards in response to public records requests.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to publish the census data
18	used to generate both the Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities and
19	the informational dashboards on the department's website as downloadable files in Microsoft
20	Excel format.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if available, the data used to generate the Report
22	of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities include a breakdown of the number
23	of persons housed on behalf of other agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs
24	Enforcement, the U.S. Marshals Service, persons sentenced to parish prisons, and pre-trial
25	detainees.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
27	James M. LeBlanc, secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

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Requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to publish the census data used to generate both the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the informational dashboards on the department's website as downloadable files in Microsoft Excel format.