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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE AND KNOX

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice and all Louisiana state and local law enforcement agencies, jointly, to improve crime data reporting in order to be in full compliance with the National Incident Based Reporting System, hereinafter referred to as "NIBRS", provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, hereinafter referred to as "FBI", by analyzing progress towards, obstacles to, and recommendations for full NIBRS compliance in an annually published, publicly available, report.

WHEREAS, rigorous empirical study of the social, economic, demographic, geographic, and environmental factors that drive different types of criminal behavior is necessary to support scientific, evidence-based policing; and

WHEREAS, rigorous empirical study is needed to determine whether and which federal, state, and local programs impact criminal behavior is necessary to support scientific, evidence-based policies; and

WHEREAS, data is needed for a rigorous empirical study; and

WHEREAS, the relational database structure of NIBRS better captures the complexity and diversity of incidents compared to its predecessor, the Summary Reporting System; and

WHEREAS, the reporting status of individual agencies is then inconsistent and not continuous over the past years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to become NIBRS compliant as soon as possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice include in the annual report published pursuant to R.S. 15:1204.2, a section detailing the progress towards complete compliance with the NIBRS provided by the FBI.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report section include details for each state and local law enforcement as to certification status, partial compliance including months of adequate reporting and months of inadequate compliance, and other itemized deficiencies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LCLE include in the report section suggestions on how to support and accelerate law enforcement agencies to achieve complete NIBRS until the law enforcement agencies of Louisiana achieve full NIBRS compliance for no fewer than three consecutive years.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE