

1 WHEREAS, the subversion of parental authority may contribute to a lack of
2 behavioral boundaries, potentially leading to an increase in juvenile delinquency and
3 subsequent adjudication or conviction for serious offenses; and

4 WHEREAS, the makeup of the Louisiana household, whether led by a single parent
5 or two parents, serves as the primary environment for child development and the first line
6 of defense against criminal behavior; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature requires comprehensive data to understand how often
8 parents are facing arrests or criminal consequences for discipline that is ultimately found to
9 be reasonable, and whether a correlation exists between the breakdown of parental discipline
10 and the escalation of juvenile criminal conduct.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Children and
13 Family Services, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice,
14 Louisiana State University, the Pelican Institute, Casey Family Programs, and the Pelican
15 Center for Children and Families to study and report their findings on the intersection of
16 parental discipline, allegations of abuse, and the impact of disciplinary avoidance on juvenile
17 delinquency since 2015.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities provided in this Resolution shall
19 identify and study data regarding the following:

20 (1) The approximate number of investigations and arrests initiated against parents
21 for the crime of cruelty to juveniles when the underlying conduct was claimed as parental
22 discipline.

23 (2) The frequency of cases in which a minor's threat or successful contact to law
24 enforcement resulted in the cessation of parental discipline.

25 (3) To the extent practicable, a review of the disciplinary history of juveniles
26 currently adjudicated delinquent or prosecuted as adults to determine if prior threats against
27 parents hindered early behavioral intervention.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of this study be reported to the
29 Louisiana House of Representatives no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the
30 2027 Regular Session.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
2 of the entities provided for in this Resolution.

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

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Requests a study on the intersection of parental discipline, allegations of abuse, and the impact of disciplinary avoidance on juvenile delinquency since 2015.

Requires the submission of a written report of findings and recommendations to the La. House of Representatives no later than 60 days prior to the start of the 2027 R.S. of the Legislature of La.