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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 177

BY SENATOR MIZELL

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requests the Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to study and make recommendations regarding lethal assessment protocols for peace officers.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration
3 of Criminal Justice to study and make recommendations regarding the development,
4 adoption, and implementation of lethal assessment protocols for peace officers in
5 Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the safety of both peace officers and the public is a matter of critical
7 importance to the state of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, peace officers frequently encounter situations involving individuals who
9 may pose a risk of serious harm to themselves or others, requiring rapid and accurate
10 assessment of potential lethality; and

11 WHEREAS, lethal assessment protocols are structured tools designed to help law
12 enforcement identify indicators of imminent danger, particularly in cases involving domestic
13 violence, mental health crises, or escalating threats; and

14 WHEREAS, several states and jurisdictions have implemented or piloted lethal
15 assessment models to improve officer decision-making, enhance victim safety, and reduce
16 the likelihood of fatal encounters; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration
18 of Criminal Justice is uniquely positioned to evaluate best practices, consult with

1 subject-matter experts, and assess the feasibility of statewide standards; and

2 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study would allow the legislature to consider whether
3 Louisiana should adopt uniform protocols, training requirements, or data-collection practices
4 to support peace officers in high-risk encounters.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the
7 Administration of Criminal Justice to conduct a study on the feasibility, benefits, and
8 potential implementation of lethal assessment protocols for peace officers.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, at a minimum:

10 (1) Review of existing models, including domestic violence lethality assessments,
11 crisis-intervention frameworks, and threat-assessment tools used in other states.

12 (2) Evaluation of training needs, including curriculum development, certification, and
13 continuing education.

14 (3) Assessment of data collection, including reporting requirements, privacy
15 considerations, and integration with existing criminal justice databases.

16 (4) Consultation with stakeholders, including sheriffs, police chiefs, district
17 attorneys, victim-advocacy organizations, and mental-health professionals.

18 (5) Identification of statutory or regulatory changes necessary to implement statewide
19 standards.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement
21 and the Administration of Criminal Justice shall submit a written report of its findings and
22 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, no later than February 1, 2027.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of
25 Criminal Justice.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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