

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 192

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LEGISLATORS. Requests members of the legislature to participate in a "ride along" experience alongside child welfare specialists.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request members of the Louisiana Legislature to participate in a "ride along"
3 experience with the Department of Children and Family Services' child welfare
4 specialists.

5 WHEREAS, child welfare specialists dedicate their professional lives to protecting
6 children, strengthening families, and promoting the safety, permanency, and well-being of
7 vulnerable youth; and

8 WHEREAS, child welfare specialists serve on the front lines of child protection by
9 responding to reports of abuse and neglect, providing critical support services, advocating
10 for children's needs, and helping families access resources necessary for stability and
11 success; and

12 WHEREAS, the work performed by child welfare specialists requires compassion,
13 integrity, resilience, and sound professional judgment in often difficult and emotionally
14 demanding circumstances; and

15 WHEREAS, child welfare specialists collaborate with educators, healthcare
16 providers, law enforcement agencies, courts, and community organizations to ensure that
17 children and families receive comprehensive care and support; and

18 WHEREAS, the contributions of child welfare specialists play a vital role in

1 strengthening communities by promoting safe environments, reducing trauma, and helping
2 children achieve healthy and productive futures; and

3 WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and honor the dedication, sacrifice, and
4 commitment demonstrated daily by child welfare specialists across our communities; and

5 WHEREAS, being a child welfare specialist is highly demanding, in various
6 capacities such as child protection investigators, family services, or foster care workers; and

7 WHEREAS, the Legislature has demonstrated significant interest in protecting
8 Louisiana's children and the recurring concerns expressed by current and former child
9 welfare employees is of the utmost interest; and

10 WHEREAS, the best way to understand a person's situation and get a clear picture
11 of their daily experience is to "walk in their shoes"; and

12 WHEREAS, a "ride along" experience is an arranged opportunity, often used by law
13 enforcement and emergency services to allow a person to observe a professional doing their
14 job or performing a specific activity; and

15 WHEREAS, the members of the Legislature are in the unique position of not only
16 supporting child welfare specialists through legislation and through agency oversight, but
17 to truly understand all that the front-line workers do and see on any given day.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
19 does hereby urge and request members of the Louisiana Legislature to participate in a "ride
20 along" experience with the Department of Children and Family Services' child welfare
21 specialists.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services
23 shall coordinate with legislators wishing to participate in a "ride along" experience to fully
24 understand what the child welfare specialist is responsible for at any given moment.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
26 member of the Louisiana Legislature via email transmission and to the secretary of the
27 Department of Children and Family Services.

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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