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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 64

BY REPRESENTATIVE DWIGHT

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Directs the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, in conjunction with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, to study methods of oversight for inmates participating in work release programs

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to work in
3	conjunction with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association to study methods of oversight
4	and supervision for inmates participating in work release programs.
5	WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is to
6	enhance public safety through the safe and secure incarceration of offenders, effective
7	probation and parole supervision, and proven rehabilitative strategies that successfully
8	reintegrate offenders into society; and
9	WHEREAS, successful offender rehabilitation and reintegration into the community
10	is essential to reducing recidivism rates which has a direct impact on public safety, crime
11	prevention, and the cost of state and local criminal justice systems; and
12	WHEREAS, Louisiana law authorizes the Department of Public Safety and
13	Corrections to establish and administer the Transitional Work Program, commonly referred
14	to as "work release"; and
15	WHEREAS, work release programs are some of the most innovative and successful
16	programs developed to provide for successful reentry into society; and
17	WHEREAS, work release programs benefit the offender and society by providing
18	the offender with necessary skills and tools to reenter society and by providing the employer
19	with employees who are reliable and dependable workers; and

1	WHEREAS, to ensure the continued success of work release programs, it is
2	imperative that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections work with sheriffs and
3	others who operate these programs to ensure that the offenders who participate are properly
4	supervised at all times.
5	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6	authorize and direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to work in conjunction
7	with the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association to study methods of oversight and supervision for
8	inmates participating in work release programs.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
10	report its findings and any recommendations to the legislature, including recommendations
11	for legislative action, on or before February 1, 2018.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
13	to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

## **DIGEST**

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