

1 WHEREAS, it is important to understand the needs of Louisiana residents who suffer
2 from serious mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders, to assess the ability of the
3 state's health system to effectively meet the needs of Louisiana residents, and to better
4 understand the impact of untreated mental illnesses and substance abuse disorders; and

5 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes that an effective criminal justice
6 system should be based on public safety, accountability, and rehabilitation.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 urge and request the Institute for Public Health and Justice and the Department of Public
9 Safety and Corrections to study the impact of behavioral health issues in the criminal justice
10 system.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in this regard, the Institute for Public Health and
12 Justice and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may work with and receive
13 information from various stakeholders in the criminal justice system and behavioral health
14 systems, including but not limited to representatives from the Louisiana Department of
15 Health, office of behavioral health, the Mental Health Advocacy Service, the National
16 Alliance on Mental Illness, the Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana District
17 Attorneys Association, the Louisiana Public Defender Board, the Louisiana Sheriffs'
18 Association, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana Licensed
19 Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, the Louisiana Association for Marriage and
20 Family Therapy, the Louisiana Counseling Association, the Department of Education, the
21 Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, the Louisiana Psychological
22 Association, the Louisiana Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, the
23 Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers, the Louisiana Hospital Association, and
24 the Louisiana human service districts or authorities.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Institute for Public Health and Justice and
26 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections may also study relevant case law to better
27 understand the impact of behavioral health problems in the criminal justice system.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that suitable copies of this Resolution be transmitted
29 to the Institute for Public Health and Justice and the Department of Public Safety and
30 Corrections.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, 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)]

HCR 106 Original

2018 Regular Session

Leger

Requests the Institute for Public Health and Justice and the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to study behavioral health issues in the criminal justice system.