

1 have a complete understanding of the critical links to successful reintegration and the current
2 barriers incarcerated persons face upon their release back into society.

3 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the
4 Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Department of Health, and the
5 Louisiana Department of Education to work collaboratively to identify the solutions and
6 resources necessary to fully address the barriers that impede the successful reintegration of
7 incarcerated persons back into society and to provide a report of its findings to the legislature
8 prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of this work, the departments are directed
10 to work together to better understand the critical links to successful reintegration of
11 incarcerated persons back into society, including but not limited to transportation, family
12 support, employment, mental health, substance abuse treatment, housing, community apathy,
13 and education.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments are authorized and directed to
15 obtain and share data and information necessary to complete this work and to request
16 necessary data and information from the relevant agencies and departments with oversight
17 of each of the critical links to successful reintegration.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information and data collected from each
19 agency or department and reported to the legislature shall include but is not limited to the
20 number of persons in any programs administered by the agency or department to service
21 persons who are incarcerated, under supervision, or who are released from incarceration or
22 supervision; the education level of such persons; the age, race, and gender of the persons;
23 the parish where the person was incarcerated or under supervision; the number and type of
24 mental health diagnoses faced by persons participating in the programs; the number of
25 persons with substance abuse disorders or with co-occurring mental illness and substance
26 abuse disorders; the cost of services per individual; the duration of services; and any follow-
27 up or aftercare services provided by the agency or department.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include the current recidivism
29 rate and the number of persons who recidivate based upon a technical violation of their
30 probation or parole conditions.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agencies and departments providing
2 information and data pursuant to this Resolution are directed to provide information on the
3 barriers that prevent the agency or department from achieving desired outcomes with respect
4 to successful rehabilitation and decreased recidivism, as well as information and data on the
5 cost or fiscal impact of implementing the necessary services and programs in this regard.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments may seek input and support
7 from any entities or organizations, including community-based resources, that they deem
8 appropriate and necessary for their work including but not limited to the Louisiana District
9 Attorneys Association, the Louisiana Public Defender Board, the Louisiana Sheriffs'
10 Association, and the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
12 to the secretaries of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and the Louisiana
13 Department of Health and the state superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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