HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2021 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to Original House Resolution No. 1 by Representative Bryant

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 6, after "currently" and before "states" change "fourteen" to "seventeen"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

- 4 On page 1, delete lines 17 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following:
- 5 "WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature wishes to consider legalization of 6 cannabis, a decision that is based upon the fact that legalization of cannabis is supported by the people of the state of Louisiana; and"

8 AMENDMENT NO. 3

9 On page 2, line 6, after "prosecute" and before "those" insert "illicit cannabis markets and"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 4

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- On page 2, between lines 9 and 10, insert the following:
- "(6) Evaluating effects and impacts of potential legalization of cannabis on Louisiana's existing medical marijuana program and illicit cannabis markets.
 - (7) Evaluating best practices for potential tax structure, rates, and economic impacts on potential legal framework and illicit markets.
 - (8) Evaluating economic development, encouragement of private capitalization and investment, quality jobs created, and banking issues related to potential legalization of cannabis.
 - (9) Establishing a commission to appropriate funds generated from recreational cannabis."

21 AMENDMENT NO. 5

22 On page 2, delete lines 10 through 24 in their entirety and insert the following:

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice or a subcommittee thereof to study the impact of legalizing the possession and use of cannabis for the citizens of this state and to report its findings to the legislature at least fourteen days prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice or a subcommittee thereof shall work in conjunction with and obtain input from the chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or his designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, or his designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, or his designee; the chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means, or his designee; the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association; the Louisiana District Attorneys Association; the medical marijuana cultivation business community; the medical marijuana pharmacy business community; Louisiana State University Agriculture Center; Southern University Agriculture Center; Voice of the Experienced; and the author of this legislation.

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall work in
2	conjunction with and obtain input from the states who have legalized recreational
3	cannabis including but not limited to their findings regarding the following:
4	(1) Establishing and maintaining procedures to regulate and produce
5	cannabis.
6	(2) Establishing public safety protections for minors.
7	(3) Establishing public safety protections to identify and prosecute illicit
8	cannabis markets and those who misuse legal cannabis.
9	(4) Creating rigorous testing and detailed labeling requirements.
10	(5) Providing equity and economic opportunities for the communities of
11	Louisiana.
11 12 13 14	(6) Evaluating effects and impacts of potential legalization of cannabis on
13	Louisiana's existing medical marijuana program and illicit cannabis markets.
14	(7) Evaluating best practices for potential tax structure, rates, and economic
15	impacts on potential legal framework and illicit markets.
16	(8) Evaluating economic development, encouragement of private
17	capitalization and investment, quality jobs created, and banking issues related to
18	potential legalization of cannabis.
19	(9) Establishing a commission to appropriate funds generated from
20	recreational cannabis.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee, for the purposes
22	of conducting its meetings and accomplishing its goals, shall be staffed by the House
22 23	Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and staff of the House Fiscal
24	Division."