

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVE KNOX

LEGISLATIVE POWERS: Requests the House Committee on Judiciary to conduct a study and to make recommendations to the legislature to build upon the success of the 2020 Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the House Committee on Judiciary to conduct a study and to make
3 recommendations to the legislature to build upon the success of the 2020 Police
4 Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force authorized by SCR No. 7 of the
5 2020 First Extraordinary Session.

6 WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace officers of this state, it is vital
7 for peace officers and the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative
8 relationships; and

9 WHEREAS, trust between law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve is
10 essential to the stability of communities, the integrity of the criminal justice system, and the
11 safe and effective delivery of public safety services; and

12 WHEREAS, the 2020 Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force
13 (Task Force) proposed and sought to implement critical reforms to achieve these goals; and

14 WHEREAS, the Task Force represented a tremendous bipartisan accomplishment
15 that can and should be replicated; and

16 WHEREAS, on January 29, 2021, a letter was sent to the President of the Louisiana
17 Senate, The Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, and to the Speaker of the Louisiana House of
18 Representatives, The Honorable Clay Schexnayder, proposing eighteen recommendations
19 based on the meetings of the Task Force; and

1 WHEREAS, public safety is a priority for all Louisianans, and it is incumbent upon
2 the legislature to continue to determine the best mechanisms for increasing public safety; and

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana should continue to ensure it has adequate standards for the
4 use of force, data collection and transparency requirements, and procedures for officer
5 discipline.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Justice Collaborative, an independent
7 institution with subject matter expertise assist and provide information to the House
8 Committee on Judiciary.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Judiciary shall review
10 and assess the implementation of the reforms proposed by this Task Force and report its
11 findings and any recommendations for legislative changes to the Legislature of Louisiana
12 no later than February 1, 2024.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
14 to the Justice Collaborative.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
16 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
17 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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