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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 4

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RETIREMENT/STATE SYSTEMS: Requests a study of benefits available to the beneficiaries of a member of a state retirement system killed in the line of duty by an intentional act of violence

1	A STUDY REQUEST
2	To the House Committee on Retirement to study benefits available to the beneficiaries of
3	a member of a state retirement system killed in the line of duty by an intentional act
4	of violence, and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
5	convening of the 2025 Regular Session.
6	WHEREAS, most public employees covered by a state retirement system do not have
7	special benefits for death or disability suffered in the line of duty, under any circumstances;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, among the duties of teachers and some other public employees is
10	participating in and assisting others in participating in "active shooter drills"; and
11	WHEREAS, far too frequently there is national news coverage of public employees
12	becoming victims of intentional acts of violence while in the course of their duties; and
13	WHEREAS, many public employees who are members of a state retirement system
14	do not participate in Social Security, meaning they and their families must rely solely on the
15	defined benefit plans provided by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, the
16	Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana, the Louisiana School Employees' Retirement
17	System, or the Louisiana State Police Retirement System to provide some financial security
18	for themselves and their families in the event of disability or death; and

1 WHEREAS, line-of-duty death benefits are included in the retirement plan

- 2 provisions for state troopers and state employees in certain hazardous duty positions, but not
- 3 for other members of the state retirement systems.
- 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the House of Representatives of the Legislature
- 5 of Louisiana requests the House Committee on Retirement to study benefits available to
- 6 beneficiaries of a member of a state retirement system killed in the line of duty by an
- 7 intentional act of violence and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to
- 8 the convening of the 2025 Regular Session.

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