

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR BARROW

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES. Urges and requests the Select Committee on Women and Children of the Senate to study a parent's right to equal custodial periods with the child.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Select Committee on Women and Children of the Senate to study
3 a parent's right to equal custodial periods with their child.

4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of a child to have frequent and continuing
5 contact with both parents; and

6 WHEREAS, both parents should have equal custodial periods with their children if
7 it is feasible; and

8 WHEREAS, developing, establishing, and implementing programs designed to
9 provide healthy and equal custodial periods for both parents would be in the best interest of
10 the child; and

11 WHEREAS, custodial time with a child has been used as an opportunity for a parent
12 to harass or alienate the other parent, or interfere with an implementation of custody or
13 visitation court order; and

14 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 267 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
15 would have provided for the traumatic child abuser program with the goal of reunification
16 of a child with the parent who has been alienated and address the child's trauma from the
17 alienation; and

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 267 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature

1 would have provided terms, conditions, and procedures for implementation of the program;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 267 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
4 would have provided with respect to attendance and participation in the program relative to
5 child custody proceedings.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
7 does hereby urge and request the Select Committee on Women and Children of the Senate
8 to study a parent's right to equal custodial periods with their child, which shall include the
9 proposed provisions of Senate Bill No. 267 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall invite the following persons
11 to appear before the committee to provide testimony relative to the study:

12 (1) A representative from Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services.

13 (2) A representative from Louisiana Children's Cabinet.

14 (3) A representative from Louisiana Court Appointed Special Advocates.

15 (4) A representative from Louisiana Fathers On A Mission.

16 (5) A representative from Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers.

17 (6) A representative from Louisiana Juvenile and Family Court Judges Association.

18 (7) A representative from Louisiana District Attorney's Association.

19 (8) A representative from Louisiana District Judges Association.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings and make
21 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Judiciary A and the president of the Senate
22 no later than March 1, 2026.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, 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)]

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