



1 five part-time staff offices; five "hybrid system" offices that are transitioning to full-time  
2 systems and use a combination of contract or part-time public defenders as well as some full-  
3 time attorneys; and the remainder utilizing contract employment; and

4 WHEREAS, the opinion has been expressed by some involved in the public defender  
5 system that costs could be controlled and limited financial resources better utilized by  
6 transitioning to a system by which all public defender offices would operate on a contract  
7 employment basis, thereby eliminating substantial costs associated with offices employing  
8 full-time staff.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 urge and request the Louisiana Public Defender Board to study the feasibility, desirability,  
11 and practicality of delivering a statewide public defender system through an exclusively  
12 contract employment system, and to report its findings to the legislature not later than  
13 January 10, 2014.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
15 Louisiana Public Defender Board and the state public defender.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alden A. Clement, Jr.

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DIGEST

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SCR No. 99

Requests the La. Public Defender Bd. to study whether the statewide public defender system should be privatized via a system of exclusively contract employment and report its findings to the legislature by January 10, 2014.