

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

HOMELAND SECURITY: Creates a committee to study and develop a system for notification and registration of persons convicted of a terrorism offense

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create a committee to study and evaluate the public safety implications of persons
3 convicted of terrorism offenses being released from prison in Louisiana or moving
4 to Louisiana from another state, and to require the committee to report its findings
5 and recommendations regarding the development and implementation of a system
6 which requires persons convicted of terrorism offenses to provide notification to law
7 enforcement of their presence within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

8 WHEREAS, persons who commit offenses involving acts of terrorism and aiding
9 others in acts of terrorism, even after being released from prison, are of paramount
10 governmental interest; and

11 WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the more than four hundred fifty
12 convicted terrorists in United States prisons will serve an average sentence of thirteen years,
13 instead of a life sentence; and

14 WHEREAS, with the average age of convicted terrorists being twenty seven years,
15 these offenders will be released from prison with decades of life to live; and

16 WHEREAS, there are currently no terrorist disengagement or rehabilitation programs
17 within the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

18 WHEREAS, local law enforcement officers' efforts to protect their communities,
19 conduct investigations, and quickly apprehend persons who commit offenses involving
20 terrorism are impaired by the lack of information available to law enforcement agencies

1 about persons convicted of offenses involving terrorism who live within the agencies'
2 jurisdiction; and

3 WHEREAS, lack of information may result in failure of law enforcement agencies
4 to meet this paramount concern of public safety; and

5 WHEREAS, notification by persons who commit offenses involving terrorism to
6 local law enforcement agencies, coupled with registration of those persons to allow for
7 exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, will further the governmental
8 interests of public safety.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 create a committee to study and evaluate the public safety implications of persons convicted
11 of terrorism offenses being released from prison in Louisiana or moving to Louisiana from
12 another state, and to do all of the following:

13 (1) To develop a system, similar to State Sex Offender and Child Predatory Registry
14 and the registry of persons who commit an offense involving arson, whereby a person
15 convicted of an offense involving terrorism could provide notification to law enforcement
16 that such person is residing, working, or studying within their communities.

17 (2) To further the governmental interest of public safety through developing a means
18 through which local law enforcement agencies may become informed of convicted terrorists
19 living, working, or studying within their communities.

20 (3) To ensure that Louisiana law enforcement agencies have all necessary
21 information regarding the presence of convicted terrorists to mitigate this public safety
22 concern.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be comprised of the
24 following members:

25 (1) One member appointed by the governor.

26 (2) One member appointed by the attorney general.

27 (3) One member appointed by the division of administration.

28 (4) One member appointed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

29 (5) One member appointed by the Louisiana State Police.

30 (6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

1 (7) One member appointed by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

2 (8) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member appointed by the governor shall
4 convene the committee's first meeting no later than September 1, 2018, and the committee
5 shall report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature no later than
6 February 1, 2019.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
8 to the appointing entity of each committee member.

DIGEST

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Creates a committee to study and evaluate the public safety implications of persons convicted of terrorism offenses being released from prison in La. or moving to La. from another state.

Provides that the committee shall be comprised of members appointed by the following persons or entities: the governor, attorney general, division of administration, Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, La. State Police, La. Supreme Court, La. Sheriffs' Association, and La. Association of Chiefs of Police.

Requires the committee to develop a system whereby persons convicted of terrorism offenses are required to register and provide notification to law enforcement of their presence within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

Requires the committee to convene its first meeting no later than Sept. 1, 2018, and to report its findings to the La. Legislature no later than Feb. 1, 2019.