

1 WHEREAS, in addition to the establishment of these guidelines, the office of
2 juvenile justice limited the number of visitors, contractors, and deliveries on secure care
3 campuses since the onset of the public health crisis and screened each person entering the
4 secure care facilities; and

5 WHEREAS, as of April 9, 2020, there were twenty-one juveniles and eleven
6 employees who tested positive for COVID-19 at office of juvenile justice secure care
7 facilities; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important for the office of juvenile justice to strive for and maintain
9 the safety, security, and well-being of the juveniles and staff in its facilities and to take
10 necessary precautions to mitigate any potential spread of COVID-19.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 urge and request the office of juvenile justice of the Department of Public Safety and
13 Corrections to study the impact of COVID-19 on its operations, specifically as it pertains to
14 the safety and security of juveniles and staff at its facilities, as well as the feasibility of
15 releasing low-risk, nonviolent juvenile detainees and its impact on mitigating the spread of
16 COVID-19, and to report the number of juveniles and staff that have died as a result of
17 COVID-19.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of juvenile justice shall report its
19 findings to the legislature no later than January 1, 2021.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the deputy secretary of the office of juvenile justice.

DIGEST

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Further requires the office of juvenile justice to report its findings to the legislature no later than Jan. 1, 2021.