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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Requests the Southern University Law Center to coordinate a study regarding the development of racial and ethnic impact statements on legislative proposals

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Southern University Law Center to coordinate a study of the
3 development of a policy and related procedures to require racial and ethnic impact
4 statements on legislation and to report study findings and recommendations to each
5 member of the House of Representatives and to the House Committee on House and
6 Governmental Affairs no later than February 1, 2022.

7 WHEREAS, some states and local jurisdictions have either enacted or considered
8 requirements for an analysis of racial and ethnic impacts of legislative proposals to provide
9 vital information to policymakers for consideration during the legislative process; and

10 WHEREAS, racial and ethnic impact statements may provide legislators with key
11 information during the legislative process that will enable legislators to identify and mitigate
12 unintended consequences prior to enactment of any policy that may disparately impact
13 specific racial or ethnic populations.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Southern University Law Center
16 to coordinate a study of the development of a policy to require racial and ethnic impact
17 statements on legislation.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in coordinating the study, the Southern
19 University Law Center shall engage, consult with, and obtain information and perspective
20 from the following stakeholders:

- 1 (1) Tulane University.
- 2 (2) Together Louisiana.
- 3 (3) The American Civil Liberties Union's Racial Justice Program.
- 4 (4) The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southern University Law Center shall report
6 study findings and recommendations to each member of the House of Representatives and
7 to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs no later than February 1, 2022.

DIGEST

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