

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

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PARDON: Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the current structure of the Board of Pardons

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or a
3 subcommittee thereof, to study the current structure of the Board of Pardons and
4 report its findings prior to the convening of 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature
5 of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the Board of Pardons was established by the Constitution of Louisiana
7 in 1916 and is currently located in Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana of
8 1974; and

9 WHEREAS, the board consists of five electors appointed by the governor, who are
10 subject to confirmation by the Senate, serve concurrent terms with the governor who
11 appointed them, and all serve as members of the committee on parole; and

12 WHEREAS, members appointed by the governor are required to have at least five
13 years of experience in the field of penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, law,
14 education, social work, medicine, or a combination thereof, and are also required to
15 complete a comprehensive orientation training program within ninety days of their
16 appointment and eight hours of in-service training annually; and

17 WHEREAS, training components include but are not limited to the following:

18 (1) Elements of the decision-making process through the use of evidence-based
19 practices for determining the risk, needs, and motivation to change.

20 (2) Dynamics of criminal victimization.

21 (3) Security classifications of people in prison or under community supervision; and

1 WHEREAS, the board's statutory powers and duties are located in Part I of Chapter
2 5 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950; and

3 WHEREAS, some of the board's duties include providing recommendations for
4 pardons and commutation of sentences that are forwarded to the governor for final action;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, assessing the former, current, and prospective structure of the board will
7 assist with the administration of justice within the Louisiana criminal justice system.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on
10 Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the current structure
11 of the Board of Pardons.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Administration of
13 Criminal Justice shall report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
14 convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
16 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
17 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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