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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 52

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## 1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of  
3 Criminal Justice and all Louisiana state and local law enforcement agencies, jointly,  
4 to improve crime data reporting in order to be in full compliance with the National  
5 Incident Based Reporting System, hereinafter referred to as "NIBRS", provided by  
6 the Federal Bureau of Investigation, hereinafter referred to as "FBI", by analyzing  
7 progress towards, obstacles to, and recommendations for full NIBRS compliance in  
8 an annually published, publicly available, report.

9 WHEREAS, rigorous empirical study of the social, economic, demographic,  
10 geographic, and environmental factors that drive different types of criminal behavior is  
11 necessary to support scientific, evidence-based policing; and

WHEREAS, rigorous empirical study is needed to determine whether and which federal, state, and local programs impact criminal behavior is necessary to support scientific, evidence-based policies; and

15 WHEREAS, data is needed for a rigorous empirical study; and

WHEREAS, the relational database structure of NIBRS better captures the complexity and diversity of incidents compared to its predecessor, the Summary Reporting System; and

19 WHEREAS, the FBI reported in 2023 that forty-eight percent, or one hundred fifty-  
20 two agencies submitted NIBRS data, which is low for the three hundred fifteen agencies

1 reported as NIBRS certified by the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and  
2 Administration of Criminal Justice; and

3 WHEREAS, the reporting status of individual agencies is then inconsistent and not  
4 continuous over the past years.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
6 urge and request state and local law enforcement agencies to become NIBRS compliant as  
7 soon as possible.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement  
9 and Administration of Criminal Justice publish a publicly available annual report detailing  
10 the progress towards complete compliance with the NIBRS provided by the FBI.

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#### DIGEST

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Requests state and local law enforcement agencies to comply with the National Incident Based Reporting System and directs the La. Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice to publish an annual report on the progress towards compliance.