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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

JUVENILES: Provides with respect to the study and implementation of the Youth PROMISE Act

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, youth services, office  
3 of juvenile justice to study the Youth PROMISE Act as proposed by the United  
4 States House of Representatives and Senate in 2009, 2011, and 2013 and the  
5 feasibility of implementing youth and gang violence prevention and intervention  
6 practices in Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 4,828  
8 young people between the ages of 10 to 24 were victims of homicide in 2010, and 82.8% of  
9 those victims were killed with a firearm; and

10 WHEREAS, in Louisiana, 1,012 young people between the ages of 10 to 24 were the  
11 victims of homicide between 2003 and 2007 as reported by the Centers for Disease Control  
12 and Prevention; and

13 WHEREAS, 707,212 young people between the ages of 10 to 24 were treated in  
14 emergency departments for injuries sustained from physical assaults as reported by the  
15 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and

16 WHEREAS, juveniles 18 years old and younger accounted for 13.7% of all violent  
17 crime arrests in 2010, with 784 juveniles arrested for murder, 2,198 arrested for forcible  
18 rape, and 35,001 arrested for aggravated assault; and

19 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that youth  
20 homicides and assault-related injuries result in an estimated \$16 billion in combined medical  
21 and work loss costs.

1 WHEREAS, reducing and preventing violence and expanding our capacity for  
2 nonviolent conflict resolution has the potential to save Louisiana millions of dollars each  
3 year, increase public safety, and build a greater base of responsible citizenship.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and  
6 Corrections, youth services, office of juvenile justice to study the Youth PROMISE Act as  
7 proposed by the United States House of Representatives and Senate in 2009, 2011, and 2013  
8 and the feasibility of implementing youth and gang violence prevention and intervention  
9 practices in Louisiana.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include a determination of the  
11 availability of federal and state funds, private grants, or donations to aid in implementing  
12 youth and gang violence prevention and intervention practices in Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and  
14 Corrections, youth services, office of juvenile justice shall submit a written report of its  
15 findings to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before February 1, 2015.

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

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#### DIGEST

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Requests the office of juvenile justice to study the Youth PROMISE Act and the feasibility of implementing youth and gang prevention and intervention practices in Louisiana and to report its findings to the legislature on or before Feb. 1, 2015.