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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUNTER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES