

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Directs the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the feasibility of requiring part-time officers to complete P.O.S.T. certification training

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to  
3 study the feasibility of requiring part-time law enforcement officers to complete  
4 Peace Officer Standards and Training programs and to report the findings of the  
5 committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of  
6 the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 WHEREAS, the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) was  
8 established by Act No. 397 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Legislature to develop  
9 training standards for peace officers in the state of Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, the Council was charged with the responsibility of establishing  
11 minimum curriculum requirements for the training of peace officers, accrediting law  
12 enforcement training centers, and otherwise providing for the training and education of  
13 peace officers; and

14 WHEREAS, any person who begins employment as a peace officer is required to  
15 successfully complete a certified training program approved by the council; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana law defines "peace officer" as including any full-time  
17 employee of the state, a municipality, a sheriff or other public agency, whose permanent  
18 duties include the making of arrests, performance of searches and seizures, execution of  
19 criminal warrants, and who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or for the  
20 enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state; and

1           WHEREAS, although the P.O.S.T. training requirements have applied to all full-time  
2 peace officers in Louisiana, the law does require part-time peace officers to participate in  
3 basic firearms training; and

4           WHEREAS, it is a worthwhile study to determine if public safety will improve by  
5 requiring part-time peace officers to complete the certified training program required of full-  
6 time officers.

7           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
8 request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the  
9 feasibility of requiring part-time peace officers to complete Peace Officer Standards and  
10 Training programs and to report the findings of the committee to the legislature prior to the  
11 convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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