

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 148

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

CRIME/BATTERY: Directs the La. State Law Institute to study the issue of adding assault on a school teacher and battery of a school teacher to the list of crimes of violence

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute to study the issue of adding the
3 crimes of assault on a school teacher (R.S. 14:38.2) and battery of a school teacher
4 (R.S. 14:34.3) to the offenses enumerated as crimes of violence in R.S. 14:2(B) and
5 to report its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana, including any recommendations
6 for legislative changes as are appropriate, prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular
7 Session.

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for the crimes of assault on a school teacher
9 (R.S. 14:38.2) and battery of a school teacher (R.S. 14:34.3) and further provides for a list
10 of offenses that are enumerated as crimes of violence in R.S. 14:2(B); and

11 WHEREAS, an effective justice system should contain mechanisms that enable
12 victims of violent crimes to be informed as to the whereabouts of their attacker and the
13 outcome of any adjudication or hearing related to the offense; and

14 WHEREAS, a teacher or other school employee who has been a victim of a violent
15 act by a student should not have to be subjected to that student's continued presence on
16 campus; and

17 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the need for teachers and other
18 school employees to feel safe and secure in their place of employment; and

19 WHEREAS, the criminal justice system is complex, and any changes to the law
20 would benefit from careful and comprehensive study, taking into account the needs of

1 victims, the rights of the accused, and the important public interests that underlie the
2 criminal justice system.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Louisiana State Law Institute
5 to study the issue of adding the crimes of assault on a school teacher (R.S. 14:38.2) and
6 battery of a school teacher (R.S. 14:34.3) to the offenses enumerated as crimes of violence
7 in R.S. 14:2(B) and to report its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana, including any
8 recommendations for legislative changes as are appropriate.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report be submitted to the Legislature of
10 Louisiana prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of
11 Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute work in
13 conjunction with and obtain input from all stakeholders deemed appropriate.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 Louisiana State Law Institute.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HR 148 Original

2015 Regular Session

Mike Johnson

Directs the La. State Law Institute to study the issue of adding the crimes of assault on a school teacher (R.S. 14:38.2) and battery of a school teacher (R.S. 14:34.3) to the offenses enumerated as crimes of violence in R.S. 14:2(B), and to report its findings to the Legislature of La., including any recommendations for legislative changes as are appropriate, prior to the 2016 R.S.