

2016 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

COURTS. Requests the continued funding of reentry courts in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the continued funding of reentry courts in Louisiana to reduce
3 recidivism and improve outcomes for offenders reentering society.

4 WHEREAS, in 2012, the Louisiana Legislature recognized the critical need to reduce
5 recidivism in the criminal justice system and, as a result, created reentry courts by Act No.
6 399 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature; and

7 WHEREAS, reentry courts are specialized courts that improve public safety through
8 the use of judicial oversight; and

9 WHEREAS, over time, the Louisiana Legislature created thirteen reentry courts to
10 address the needs of offenders, who will eventually reenter society, by providing skills,
11 training, education, and counseling while the offender is still incarcerated; and

12 WHEREAS, upon release, reentry courts closely supervise offenders, provide links
13 to social services, and monitor the transition of offenders back into society through extensive
14 case management; and

15 WHEREAS, a key element of the success of reentry courts is job placement for the
16 offender upon release from prison, which requires the support and assistance of local
17 businesses and communities; and

18 WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of reentry courts is for offenders to successfully

1 reenter society upon release and become a productive citizen; and

2 WHEREAS, the recidivism rates for reentry court participants are significantly less
3 than the average rate of recidivism which will result in increased savings to the criminal
4 justice system and a decrease in the crime rate in Louisiana over time; and

5 WHEREAS, given the current fiscal condition of the state, it would be of great
6 benefit to provide continued funding to reentry courts in Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
8 does hereby urge and request the continued funding of reentry courts in Louisiana to reduce
9 recidivism and improve outcomes for offenders reentering society.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
11 Louisiana Supreme Court.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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Requests the continued funding of reentry courts throughout Louisiana to reduce recidivism
and improve outcomes for offenders reentering society.