

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

CORRECTIONS: Directs the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to determine the feasibility and potential savings of privatizing correctional facilities and using the savings for programs for state offenders housed at local facilities

1    A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2    To direct the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to determine the

3            feasibility and potential savings of privatizing certain correctional facilities and using

4            the savings to fund programs for state offenders housed at local facilities.

5            WHEREAS, the Louisiana Corrections Private Management Act, R.S. 39:1800.1

6    through 1800.7, includes legislative findings that "adequate and modern prison facilities are

7    essential to the safety and welfare of the people of this state, and that contracting for portions

8    of governmental services is a viable alternative considering the fiscal problems facing the

9    state"; and

10          WHEREAS, the Louisiana Corrections Private Management Act is limited to state

11    institutions opened after June 28, 1989, and not operational as of May 22, 1989, but other

12    provisions of state law, including provisions regarding the leasing of state property and

13    multiyear contracts, authorize contracts for similar purposes and for similar durations as the

14    Louisiana Corrections Private Management Act; and

15          WHEREAS, if funding were available to provide additional services for state

16    offenders housed at local facilities, these services could reduce recidivism of such offenders,

17    thereby reducing future costs.

18          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby

19    direct the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to report to the

20    legislature by December 31, 2017, a determination of the feasibility of privatizing other state

1 correctional facilities, excluding Louisiana State Penitentiary and Elayn Hunt Correctional  
2 Center, and the potential cost savings from privatizing the facilities, and recommendations  
3 for programs for state offenders housed locally to be funded with the potential savings.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary shall review current laws regarding  
5 public contracts and leases to determine if privatizing other facilities is possible under  
6 current state law, and if not, to provide recommendations to the legislature for legislation no  
7 later than December 31, 2017.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
9 to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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DIGEST

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Directs the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to determine the feasibility of privatizing correctional facilities, excluding La. State Penitentiary and Elayn Hunt Correctional Center, determine potential cost savings, recommend programs for state offenders housed locally, and determine if state law permits privatization. Requires determinations to be submitted to the legislature by Dec. 31, 2017.