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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 235

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS: Requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide a cost analysis and information relative to use of inmate labor for certain construction projects

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to
3	provide to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, on or before
4	January 1, 2019, information relative to the number of inmates providing services
5	or work performed in connection with certain capital construction projects, the
6	amount of wages or "good time" received by the inmate for such services or work
7	performed, and the amount of savings realized from the use of inmates for necessary
8	labor in connection with capital construction projects at state-owned facilities or
9	buildings.
10	WHEREAS, Louisiana law requires the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
11	to provide employment opportunities and vocational training for all inmates, regardless of
12	gender, consistent with available resources, physical custody, and appropriate classification
13	criteria; and
14	WHEREAS, the law further provides that insofar as is possible, the equipment used
15	in such programs, the conditions of employment, the management practices, and the general
16	operating procedures thereof shall approximate those of private industry; and
17	WHEREAS, in addition, the law provides that the inmates may be compensated
18	within the limits in grades fixed by the secretary of the department, for work performed
19	including institutional maintenance and attendance at training programs; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law authorizes the governor, upon determining that it is
appropriate and in furtherance of the rehabilitation and training of inmates, to authorize, by
executive order, the use of inmates of a penal or correctional facility owned by the state of
Louisiana for necessary labor in connection with a particular capital construction project on
the grounds of the facility, when the estimated cost of the project or work, exclusive of labor
costs, does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars for any new construction, or when the
project involves renovation, maintenance, repair, or remodeling work on the grounds of the
facility; and
WHEREAS, legislation was filed in the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature of
Louisiana seeking to authorize the use of inmate labor to perform necessary labor for certain
construction projects at any administrative building or facility which provides management
or support services to penal or correctional facilities or at other grounds and facilities within
the state capitol complex; and
WHEREAS, Louisiana law authorizes certain offenders to earn, in lieu of incentive
wages, a diminution of sentence or "good time" by good behavior and the performance of
work or self-improvement activities, or both.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of the Department of
Public Safety and Corrections to provide to the House of Representatives of the Legislature
of Louisiana, on or before January 1, 2019, a cost analysis of and information relative to the
use of inmates for necessary labor in connection with capital construction projects on the
grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative building or facility which
provides management or support services to a penal or correctional facility, at other grounds
and facilities within the state capitol complex, or other state-owned buildings or facilities.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information shall include but not be limited
to all of the following:
(1) The number of inmates providing services or labor in connection with capital
construction projects on the grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative
building or facility which provides management or support services to a penal or correctional

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1 facility, at other grounds and facilities within the state capitol complex, or other state-owned

- 2 buildings or facilities.
- 3 (2) The amount of wages each inmate receives for the services or work performed
- 4 in connection with capital construction projects on the grounds of a penal or correctional
- 5 facility, at any administrative building or facility which provides management or support
- 6 services to a penal or correctional facility, at other grounds and facilities within the state
- 7 capitol complex, or other state-owned buildings or facilities.
- 8 (3) The amount of additional "good time" an inmate elects to receive in lieu of
- 9 wages for the service or work performed in connection with capital construction projects on
- 10 the grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative building or facility
- which provides management or support services to a penal or correctional facility, at other
- grounds and facilities within the state capitol complex, or other state-owned buildings or
- 13 facilities.
- 14 (4) The amount of savings realized from the use of inmate labor on capital
- 15 construction projects on the grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative
- building or facility which provides management or support services to a penal or correctional
- 17 facility, at other grounds and facilities within the state capitol complex, or other state-owned
- buildings or facilities.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution shall be
- provided to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Requests the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to provide to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of La., on or before Jan. 1, 2019, a cost analysis of, and information relative to, the use of inmates for necessary labor in connection with capital construction projects at state-owned facilities or buildings.