

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana law authorizes the governor, upon determining that it is
2 appropriate and in furtherance of the rehabilitation and training of inmates, to authorize, by
3 executive order, the use of inmates of a penal or correctional facility owned by the state of
4 Louisiana for necessary labor in connection with a particular capital construction project on
5 the grounds of the facility, when the estimated cost of the project or work, exclusive of labor
6 costs, does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars for any new construction, or when the
7 project involves renovation, maintenance, repair, or remodeling work on the grounds of the
8 facility; and

9 WHEREAS, legislation was filed in the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature of
10 Louisiana seeking to authorize the use of inmate labor to perform necessary labor for certain
11 construction projects at any administrative building or facility which provides management
12 or support services to penal or correctional facilities or at other grounds and facilities within
13 the state capitol complex; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana law authorizes certain offenders to earn, in lieu of incentive
15 wages, a diminution of sentence or "good time" by good behavior and the performance of
16 work or self-improvement activities, or both.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the secretary of the Department of
19 Public Safety and Corrections to provide to the House of Representatives of the Legislature
20 of Louisiana, on or before January 1, 2019, a cost analysis of and information relative to the
21 use of inmates for necessary labor in connection with capital construction projects on the
22 grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative building or facility which
23 provides management or support services to a penal or correctional facility, at other grounds
24 and facilities within the state capitol complex, or other state-owned buildings or facilities.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the information shall include but not be limited
26 to all of the following:

27 (1) The number of inmates providing services or labor in connection with capital
28 construction projects on the grounds of a penal or correctional facility, at any administrative
29 building or facility which provides management or support services to a penal or correctional

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
11 which provides management or support services to a penal or correctional facility, at other
12 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
16 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
18 buildings or facilities.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution shall be
20 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.