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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILFERTY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create a committee to study and evaluate the public safety implications of persons convicted of terrorism offenses being released from prison in Louisiana or moving to Louisiana from another state, and to require the committee to report its findings and recommendations regarding the development and implementation of a system which requires persons convicted of terrorism offenses to provide notification to law enforcement of their presence within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction.

WHEREAS, persons who commit offenses involving acts of terrorism and aiding others in acts of terrorism, even after being released from prison, are of paramount governmental interest; and

WHEREAS, the overwhelming majority of the more than four hundred fifty convicted terrorists in United States prisons will serve an average sentence of thirteen years, instead of a life sentence; and

WHEREAS, with the average age of convicted terrorists being twenty seven years, these offenders will be released from prison with decades of life to live; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no terrorist disengagement or rehabilitation programs within the Federal Bureau of Prisons; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement officers' efforts to protect their communities, conduct investigations, and quickly apprehend persons who commit offenses involving terrorism are impaired by the lack of information available to law enforcement agencies about persons convicted of offenses involving terrorism who live within the agencies' jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, lack of information may result in failure of law enforcement agencies to meet this paramount concern of public safety; and

WHEREAS, notification by persons who commit offenses involving terrorism to local law enforcement agencies, coupled with registration of those persons to allow for exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, will further the governmental interests of public safety.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a committee to study and evaluate the public safety implications of persons convicted of terrorism offenses being released from prison in Louisiana or moving to Louisiana from another state, and to do all of the following:

(1) To develop a system, similar to State Sex Offender and Child Predatory Registry and the registry of persons who commit an offense involving arson, whereby a person convicted of an offense involving terrorism could provide notification to law enforcement that such person is residing, working, or studying within their communities.

(2) To further the governmental interest of public safety through developing a means through which local law enforcement agencies may become informed of convicted terrorists living, working, or studying within their communities.

(3) To ensure that Louisiana law enforcement agencies have all necessary information regarding the presence of convicted terrorists to mitigate this public safety concern.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- (1) One member appointed by the governor.
- (2) One member appointed by the attorney general.
- (3) One member appointed by the division of administration.
- (4) One member appointed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
- (5) One member appointed by the Louisiana State Police.
- (6) One member appointed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- (7) One member appointed by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.
- (8) One member appointed by the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the member appointed by the governor shall convene the committee's first meeting no later than September 1, 2018, and the committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Louisiana Legislature no later than February 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the appointing entity of each committee member.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE