



1 producing a body of research resulting in specific policy recommendations that reduce  
2 correctional populations, implement placement and behavioral practices which address and  
3 reduce violence and harassment based upon gender, and hold all parties in the correctional  
4 system responsible for their actions; and

5 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 of the 2018 Regular Session of  
6 the Legislature created the Louisiana Women's Incarceration Task Force to study, evaluate,  
7 analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's criminal justice system as it  
8 relates to women for the purpose of developing policy recommendations that work to  
9 accomplish all of the following:

10 (1) Develop practices and processes that avoid placing additional trauma or harm  
11 upon women as they navigate the criminal justice system.

12 (2) Reduce both the correctional population and recidivism of women.

13 (3) Address the holistic health of women to include access to hormone therapy,  
14 prenatal care, reproductive health, access to other medicine to maintain health, consistent  
15 health screenings, mental health access, and access to substance use and recovery resources.

16 (4) Increase and evaluate programming available to women during and after  
17 incarceration with the intention of self-determined development.

18 (5) Increase and ensure the availability of gender responsive resources to support the  
19 dignity and quality of life of all women.

20 (6) Reinvest savings into strategies shown to decrease recidivism, including  
21 improved reentry outcomes, diversion programs, and employment opportunities.

22 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 provided for the membership and  
23 chairmanship of the task force; the goals, duties, responsibilities, procedures, and meeting  
24 requirements of the task force; for the administrative assistance and staffing of the task  
25 force; the authority to collaborate with community organizations and stakeholders; and the  
26 authority to request relevant data and staff expertise from the Louisiana Legislative Women's  
27 Caucus, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and the office of the judicial  
28 administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
30 continue the Louisiana Women's Incarceration Task Force until January 1, 2020, for the

1 purposes set forth in and in accordance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 27 of the  
2 2018 Regular Session.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before January 1, 2020, the task force shall  
4 prepare and submit a final report containing a detailed statement of its findings and policy  
5 recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives,  
6 the president of the Louisiana Senate, and the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court,  
7 and shall also make the report available to the public.

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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To continue the La. Women's Incarceration Task Force that was created pursuant to HCR No. 27 of the 2018 R.S. to study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's criminal justice system as it relates to women and to report its findings and policy recommendations by Jan. 1, 2020.