

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 276

BY SENATOR MILKOVICH

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to conduct a study and issue a written report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, no later than March 1, 2020, regarding whether retired peace officers, specifically those who have worked for the office of juvenile justice, in good standing and in compliance with R.S. 40:2405, are being properly issued a Peace Officer Standards and Training card, indicative of their ongoing training and entitlement to increased pay and retirement benefits.

WHEREAS, the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) became a requirement for most in 1986 and was established by the Louisiana Legislature in order to combine improved and ongoing training with a raise in pay for peace officers employed in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the financial enhancements from the POST certification were intended to continue through a peace officer's retirement years; and

WHEREAS, generally, training is at the expense of the employing agency or political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the training was intended to provide a more professional group of peace officers, but also to reward the additional training with additional financial benefits, paid through retirement; and

WHEREAS, peace officers, including those who have served through the office of juvenile justice, are entitled to the enhanced pay because of their training, and it is important for the people of Louisiana to keep their promises to these servants of the public and keepers of the peace.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to conduct a study and issue a written report to the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, no later than March 1, 2020, regarding whether retired peace officers, specifically those who have worked for the office of juvenile justice, in good standing and in compliance with R.S. 40:2405, are being properly issued a POST card, indicative of their ongoing training and entitlement to increased pay and retirement benefits.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE