

1 WHEREAS, incarcerated persons commonly have acute medical needs and should
2 be provided with the same level of treatment as the general population; and

3 WHEREAS, Voice of the Experienced is a Louisiana membership organization by
4 and for persons who are directly impacted by the criminal justice system, including
5 incarcerated persons and their family members, persons under community supervision, and
6 persons living with the lifetime impacts of criminal convictions; and

7 WHEREAS, the Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) Clinic at the Ruth U. Fertel
8 Tulane Community Health Center is the only clinic in the southeast United States that
9 furnishes care and services specifically for former inmates; the clinic provides access to
10 primary care, insurance, medication, government benefits support, and other services; and

11 WHEREAS, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law is a prominent law
12 school in this state with one of the most-highly regarded clinical programs in the country;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University (LSU) Health Sciences Center at New
15 Orleans is a public university focused on the health sciences.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request Voice of the Experienced, the FIT Clinic at the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane
18 Community Health Center, Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, and the LSU
19 Health Sciences Center at New Orleans to study the adequacy of health services provided
20 to incarcerated persons in facilities operated by the Department of Public Safety and
21 Corrections.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in this study effort, Voice of the Experienced,
23 the FIT Clinic at the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center, Loyola University
24 New Orleans College of Law, and the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans may
25 work with and receive information from various stakeholders in the criminal justice system,
26 including but not limited to representatives of the Department of Public Safety and
27 Corrections, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and other state agencies and
28 institutions as may be appropriate.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Voice of the Experienced, the FIT Clinic at the
30 Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center, Loyola University New Orleans College

1 of Law, and the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans may also study relevant case
2 law and national practices to better understand other approaches for providing adequate
3 medical care to inmates in state and federal prisons.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Voice of the Experienced, the FIT Clinic at the
5 Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center, Loyola University New Orleans College
6 of Law, and the LSU Health Sciences Center at New Orleans shall report findings from the
7 study called for in this Resolution to the legislature on or before February 1, 2021.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 executive director of Voice of the Experienced, the director of the Formerly Incarcerated
10 Transition Clinic at the Ruth U. Fertel Tulane Community Health Center, the dean of Loyola
11 University New Orleans College of Law, the chancellor of the Louisiana State University
12 Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the executive director of the Louisiana State Board
13 of Medical Examiners, and the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Requests that these parties report findings from the study to the legislature on or before February 1, 2021.