

2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Establishes a study group to study law enforcement systems and
policing

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the creation of a study group to study law enforcement systems and
3 policing and to report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the
4 convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

5 WHEREAS, on May 25, 2020, George Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, died in
6 Minneapolis, Minnesota, after a white police officer, Derek Chauvin, knelt on his neck for
7 almost nine minutes while Floyd was handcuffed and lying face down on the street; and

8 WHEREAS, the deaths of black men at the hands of white police officers in recent
9 years have raised a number of questions about the treatment of racial minorities within the
10 criminal justice system, as well as about patterns of arrest-related deaths more generally; and

11 WHEREAS, this behavior will continue to happen unless we examine the systems
12 that allow them to be repeated, and change will begin when system leaders accept
13 responsibility for these types of acts; and

14 WHEREAS, when law enforcement systems are checked regularly to ensure that
15 policies of fairness and justice are being practiced, we will see fewer incidents.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the creation of a study group to
18 study law enforcement systems and policing.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall include the following
20 members:

1 (1) The chairman of the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice
2 or his designee.

3 (2) A member of the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice
4 appointed by the chairman of the committee.

5 (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary or his designee.

6 (4) A member of the House Committee on Judiciary appointed by the chairman of
7 the committee.

8 (5) The chairman of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee, or his
9 designee.

10 (6) A member of the House and Governmental Affairs Committee appointed by the
11 chairman of the committee.

12 (7) The Speaker Pro Temp of the House of Representatives.

13 (8) The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

14 (9) A representative from the Urban League of Louisiana.

15 (10) A representative from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored
16 People.

17 (11) A representative from the American Civil Liberties Union.

18 (12) A representative from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

19 (13) A representative from the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice.

20 (14) A representative from the Voice of the Experienced.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall submit a report of its
22 findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2021 Regular Session
23 of the Louisiana Legislature.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]
