

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**SR 20**

**2020 First Extraordinary Session**

**Barrow**

Establishes a group to study and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of establishing an optimal funding mechanism for the La. Public Defender Board.

Provides that the study committee is to be comprised of the following:

- (1) The governor shall appoint six members, one member from his staff, and one from each appellate court district.
- (2) The chief justice of the La. Supreme Court shall appoint four members, one member shall be a juvenile justice advocate, one member shall be a retired judge with criminal law experience, and two members shall be at-large.
- (3) The Senate president shall appoint one member.
- (4) The president of the La. State Bar Association, or his designee.
- (5) The chairman of the La. State Law Institute's Children's Code Committee, or his designee.
- (6) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance, or his designee.
- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or his designee.

Provides that the Senate president appointee is to chair the study group and at its initial meeting, the study group shall elect other officers as it shall deem necessary. Further provides that the first meeting must take place no later than September 15, 2020, and the Senate will provide staff support.

Provides that the study group is to meet as necessary and is to report its findings to the legislature not later than April 1, 2021.