

1 WHEREAS, the commission has among its power and duties monitoring and
2 evaluating juvenile justice and making recommendations for juvenile justice, and assessing
3 the roles and interaction of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and entities
4 in combating juvenile delinquency to make recommendations for improving their
5 effectiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, ensuring students can remain in their classrooms and learning, rather
7 than facing referrals to law enforcement, arrest, or justice system involvement is the most
8 effective way to combat juvenile delinquency; and

9 WHEREAS, students, educators, administrators, schools, and communities will all
10 be better served by investing public funds in the best practices that contribute to positive,
11 safe, and healthy learning environments that support students; and

12 WHEREAS, too often Louisiana schools appear to prioritize spending funds on law
13 enforcement and school resource officers rather than school counselors, nurses, and other
14 health and mental health professionals, and school communities should have better access
15 to and far greater input on these budgetary decisions.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission to oversee
18 a study of local education agency budgets to analyze and make available to the public
19 information about how school districts are spending local, state, and federal education funds,
20 in particular, how these funds are spent on measures that support students and their learning
21 compared to measures that punish and criminalize students.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall submit a publicly
23 available, written report containing its findings and recommendations to the legislature and
24 governor, pursuant to R.S. 46:2756, not later than March 1, 2022.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 chair of the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission.

DIGEST

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Requests the Juvenile Justice Reform Act Implementation Commission to study local education agency budgets relative to the funding of student support measures and report to the legislature no later than March 1, 2022.