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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE JAMES

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Requests the State Police Commission to adopt policies that reflect legislation recommended by the Police Training, Screening, and Deescalation Task Force

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Police Commission, as established by Constitution Article X, Section 43, to adopt standard policies regarding a police officer's right to counsel and investigation of an officer. WHEREAS, Chapter 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, entitled "Rights of Law Enforcement Officers While Under Investigation", applies to police employees as defined by R.S. 40:1372(5), P.O.S.T. certified probation and parole officers employed by the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, law enforcement officers employed by a municipality, and campus police employed at a state-supported college or university who are under investigation and subject to possible disciplinary action, demotion, or dismissal; and WHEREAS, the legislature unanimously adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session which established the Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the topics, including training, screening, de-escalation, racial bias recognition, misconduct, duty to report misconduct, penalties, use of force, identifying and eliminating bad actors, and any other recommendations the task force deems necessary to restore the public's trust that the law enforcement community is serving and protecting all the citizens of Louisiana in a fair and unbiased manner; and

1	WHEREAS, to efficiently do the work of the task force, the following subcommittees
2	were established: Community Relations and Internal Operations, Finance and Funding,
3	Policy and Oversight, and Training and Education; and
4	WHEREAS, on January 14, 2021, the task force completed its business in accordance
5	to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 by adopting eighteen recommendations; and
6	WHEREAS, some of the recommendations of the Task Force are described in House
7	Bill Nos. 129 and 430 and Senate Bill No. 34 of the 2021 Regular Session; and
8	WHEREAS, in the event House Bill Nos. 129 and 430 and Senate Bill 34 become
9	law, the task force and the legislature believe there should be uniformity in the policies and
10	procedures for similarly situated police employees; and
11	WHEREAS, the provisions under Chapter 25 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
12	1950 do not apply to Louisiana State Police employees; and
13	WHEREAS, Louisiana State Police employees under investigation are subject to
14	policies adopted by the State Police Commission, as established by Constitution Article X,
15	Section 43.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	urge and request the State Police Commission to adopt policies to reflect the
18	recommendations adopted by the Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
20	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to reduce the time period that a
21	police employee or law enforcement officer is granted to secure representation from thirty
22	days to fourteen days, with certain exceptions.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
24	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to extend the time period within
25	which the investigation of a police employee or law enforcement officer is required to be
26	completed from sixty days to seventy-five days, excluding weekends and holidays.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
28	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to require that sustained
29	complaints regarding a law enforcement officer remain in the officer's file for at least ten
30	years.

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
2	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to prohibit the use of choke holds
3	and carotid holds, except when the officer reasonably believes he or another person is at risk
4	of great bodily harm or when deadly force is authorized.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
6	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to prohibit the use of no-knock
7	warrants under certain circumstances.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
9	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to require any governmental
10	entity that employs a peace officer to implement an in-service anti-bias training program,
11	as administered by P.O.S.T., including but not limited to topics such as procedural justice,
12	cultural diversity, community relations, and peer intervention in order to be eligible to apply
13	for and receive any state grants administered or procured by the Louisiana Commission on
14	Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice.
15	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
16	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to require that any law
17	enforcement automobile equipped with a dash camera that has the technology to
18	automatically record upon the activation of the automobile's police emergency lights to
19	utilize that technology, no later than January 1, 2022.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
21	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to require any law enforcement
22	agency that utilizes body worn cameras to have a policy regarding the activation and
23	deactivation of such cameras by the officer, no later than January 1, 2022.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge
25	and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to require all law enforcement
26	agencies, correctional agencies, and institutions to disclose to prosecutors any and all
27	information that may be used to impeach the credibility of a prosecution witness, including
28	but not limited to prior statements, prior criminal acts, or other misconduct.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge

- 2 and request the State Police Commission to adopt a policy to provide for penalties for non-
- 3 compliance with P.O.S.T. reporting requirements.
- 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 5 chairman of the State Police Commission and the superintendent of the office of state police,
- 6 Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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