

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

CRIME/HOMICIDE: Requests the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to study the crime of first degree murder when the victim is the minor child of the offender

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the House Committee on Administration of Justice to study the crime  
3 of first degree murder when the victim is the minor child of the offender and to  
4 report its findings prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, the term "filicide" is the act of a parent killing his or her child; and

7 WHEREAS, factors like psychosis, mistreatment, rejection, and spousal revenge on  
8 one's spouse are some of the reasons why a parent may fatally harm his or her children; and

9 WHEREAS, R.S. 14:30 provides for the crime of first degree murder and provides  
10 for cases where the victim is under twelve years old; and

11 WHEREAS, over the course of 2022, at least four instances in Louisiana have been  
12 reported where parents have killed their children.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on  
15 Administration of Criminal Justice to study the crime of first degree murder when the victim  
16 is the minor child of the offender and receive information from the Department of Justice,  
17 the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the state public defender, the office of  
18 behavioral health within the Louisiana Department of Health, a professor of sociology or  
19 psychology from Louisiana State University and from Southern University, the Voice of the  
20 Experienced, the Louisiana Survivors for Reform, and any other interested stakeholders.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Administration of  
2 Criminal Justice shall report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the  
3 convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any  
5 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter  
6 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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