

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request 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 and receive information from the Department of Justice, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the state public defender, the office of behavioral health within the Louisiana Department of Health, a professor of sociology or psychology from Louisiana State University and from Southern University, the Voice of the Experienced, the Louisiana Survivors for Reform, and any other interested stakeholders.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES