

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Louisiana State Police to provide a monthly joint report by electronic mail on security threats, criminal activity, drug use and overdose rates, including fentanyl deaths, illegal immigration statistics, including releases by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other specific threats that endanger the health and safety of citizens of Louisiana to the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, Louisiana consistently ranks above the national average in both property and violent crime; and

WHEREAS, fentanyl drug use is surging in Louisiana and drug-involved overdose deaths increased by two hundred nineteen percent from 2016 to 2021; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's crime rate is growing at a faster pace than the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the southwestern border of the United States is facing a surge of unapprehended illegal immigrants, many of whom may enter into Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in order to craft policy that protects all citizens of the state of Louisiana, legislators need to be informed of the status on the security threats, criminal activity, drug use and overdose rates, illegal immigration, and other threats impacting the state; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Louisiana State Police are uniquely situated to discerning potential threats and conveying relevant information to legislators in a way that does not endanger pending investigations; and

WHEREAS, this information on security threats, criminal activity, drug use and overdose rates, including fentanyl deaths, illegal immigration statistics, including releases by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other specific threats that endanger the health and safety of citizens of Louisiana are critical to providing the Legislature of Louisiana with accurate information to craft policy that protects the citizens of Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Louisiana State Police to provide a monthly joint report by electronic mail to the Legislature of Louisiana on security threats, criminal activity, drug use and overdose rates, including fentanyl deaths, illegal immigration statistics, including releases by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other specific threats that endanger the health and safety of citizens of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the superintendent of the Louisiana State Police shall submit each report in the form of an email to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library each month the report is due and shall include the name of the submitting agency. The email shall clearly indicate the applicable reporting period and list the name and contact information of the person submitting the email.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE