

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY REPRESENTATIVES MARCELLE, KNOX, AND LAFLEUR

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, to conduct a study on the current system of reporting deaths of individuals committed to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and to the custody of a parish jail and the feasibility of periodic analysis of mortality in correctional facilities in Louisiana as a means of reducing carceral mortality, and to provide a report to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than February 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving federal grant assistance for law enforcement, the state is required to quarterly report deaths in parish prisons, state prisons, and private correctional institutions; and

WHEREAS, mortality statistics are an important health tool for understanding and addressing community health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, to conduct a study on the current system of reporting deaths of individuals committed to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and to the custody of a parish jail and the feasibility of periodic analysis of mortality in correctional facilities in Louisiana as a means of reducing carceral mortality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, in consultation with the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice, shall submit a report to the Louisiana Legislature no later than February 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the assistant secretary of the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, the president of the Louisiana State Coroner's Association, the director of the Louisiana Public Health Institute, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the president of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE