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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR BARROW

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES. Urges and requests the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to provide the Senate committees on finance and judiciary C with a list of rehabilitative programs that are offered at each correctional facility.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to prepare and deliver  
3 to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary C and the Senate Committee on Finance,  
4 no later than June 30, 2024, a list of any and all educational, vocational, substance  
5 abuse treatment, faith-based, values development, or other rehabilitative programs  
6 available to inmates at each of the department's correctional facilities.

7 WHEREAS, crime ranks among the highest areas of concern for Louisiana residents,  
8 with fifty-three percent of its adult population having experienced physical violence; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate per capita in the United  
10 States, with one in twenty-six adults under correctional control; and

11 WHEREAS, Louisiana has over a forty percent, five year recidivism rate; and

12 WHEREAS, one of the stated responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety and  
13 Corrections is to administer programs designed to protect persons in its custody and prepare  
14 them for release; and

15 WHEREAS, the availability of effective rehabilitative programs to inmates is crucial  
16 to reducing recidivism, decreasing the prison population, and preventing future crime.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
18 does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to prepare

1 and deliver to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary C and the Senate Committee on  
2 Finance, no later than June 30, 2024, a list of any and all educational, vocational, substance  
3 abuse treatment, faith-based, values development, or other rehabilitative programs available  
4 to inmates at each of the department's correctional facilities.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list shall include the number of incarcerated  
6 persons at each correctional facility participating in each of the programs, the percentage of  
7 the facility population that is participating in each program, and the completion percentage  
8 for each program by facility.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
10 James M. LeBlanc, secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

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