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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE WILFORD CARTER

CRIMINAL/SENTENCING: Requests the La. State Law Institute to study and provide recommendations relative to minimum and maximum sentencing ranges

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to study and provide
3	recommendations relative to minimum and maximum sentencing ranges and to
4	submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than
5	thirty days before the convening of the 2025 Regular Session.
6	WHEREAS, Title 14 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of the 1950 contains a
7	multitude of criminal offenses with various sentencing ranges; and
8	WHEREAS, Part IX of Title 22 of the Louisiana Administrative Code contains
9	sentencing guidelines with numerous factors for a judge to take into consideration before
10	sentencing an individual to a term of imprisonment; and
11	WHEREAS, since 1987, sentencing guidelines have been utilized at the federal level
12	to provide a uniform sentencing policy for criminal defendants convicted of federal offenses;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, Code of Criminal Procedure Article 890.1 provides for the waiver of
15	certain minimum sentences in certain circumstances; and
16	WHEREAS, a range in minimum and maximum sentences permit the judiciary to
17	assess the gravity and circumstances of each criminal proceeding before it on a case-by-case
18	basis.
19	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20	urge and request the Louisiana Law Institute to study and provide recommendations relative
21	to minimum and maximum sentencing ranges and to submit a report of its findings and

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- 2 Regular Session.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 4 director of the Louisiana State Law Institute.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute shall submit
- 6 one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution
- 7 to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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