

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE VILLIO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial College to conduct training to all members of the judiciary with respect to changes in diminution of sentence and release dates of offenders which originated from legislation in the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature and to further urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to develop a training curriculum relative to changes in parole eligibility of offenders.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that the optimal functioning of the Louisiana criminal justice system is vital to the safety, prosperity, and well-being of Louisiana and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, for many years, sentences for crimes committed in violation of Louisiana law were not clear and readily ascertainable to both victims and offenders; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Supreme Court is to build and maintain public trust, to provide effective and efficient administration of justice, and to ensure the highest professional conduct, integrity, and competence of the state judiciary and the Louisiana State Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Louisiana Judicial College is to provide relevant professional development and training in order to ensure the timely, fair, impartial, and efficient administration of justice for all Louisiana citizens; and

WHEREAS, before the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, the sentencing system in Louisiana has provided little information regarding the calculations of time an offender will serve before being released; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 10 of the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature provides for substantive changes to eligibility of good time credits for offenders and the elimination of earned compliance credits while on probation or parole; and

WHEREAS, in order to build upon the foundation of the Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial College and given the comprehensive nature of the changes in diminution of sentence and release dates of offenders, it is imperative that training is conducted to all members of the judiciary with respect to any changes made from legislation in the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana further urges the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to develop necessary training policies and procedures relative to parole eligibility of offenders.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request Louisiana Supreme Court and the Louisiana Judicial College to conduct training to all members of the judiciary with respect to changes in diminution of sentence and release dates of offenders which originated from legislation in the 2024 Second Extraordinary Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby further urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to develop a necessary training curriculum relative to changes in parole eligibility of offenders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, to the co-chairs of the Louisiana Judicial College Board of Governors, and to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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