

1 WHEREAS, organizations like the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault
2 (LaFASA), the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), and Sexual Trauma
3 Awareness & Response (STAR) exist to address sexual abuse concerns in this state and offer
4 resources to survivors; and

5 WHEREAS, such sexual abuse initiatives provide support services to survivors and
6 statewide sexual assault crisis centers through education, professional training, technical
7 assistance, and community engagement; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services has implemented a
9 hotline for child abuse and neglect, which includes reports of sexual trafficking; and

10 WHEREAS, expansion of such services could be beneficial to Louisiana residents
11 who are currently facing or have faced sexual abuse, reported or otherwise; and

12 WHEREAS, the Department of Children and Family Services should research and
13 consider the implementation of a 233 helpline as an additional resource for sexual abuse
14 victims in this state.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to study the feasibility of
17 implementing a 233 helpline as an additional resource for sexual abuse victims in this state
18 and submit its findings in the form of a written report by February 1, 2025 to the House and
19 Senate committees on health and welfare.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include information about means
21 of funding for creating a helpline and determining costs for a marketing campaign to boost
22 awareness of the 233 helpline initiative.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Requests a written report of its findings to be submitted to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare by Feb. 1, 2025.