

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32

BY SENATOR FOIL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to allow public download of the monthly *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the underlying census data used to populate the informational dashboards presented on the department's website in a downloadable Microsoft Excel format.

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections actively gathers census data relating to Louisiana's prison population; and

WHEREAS, the department uses the gathered census data to compile the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* monthly; and

WHEREAS, the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* contains data relating to the number of persons housed in local facilities managed by parish and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* contains data relating to the number of persons being housed by the department on behalf of other agencies including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Marshals Service, persons sentenced to parish prisons, and pre-trial detainees in facilities operated by the department and in local facilities managed by parish and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the department maintains a publicly available website; and

WHEREAS, the department uses the gathered census data to populate multiple informational dashboards on its website; and

WHEREAS, the department has the ability to allow visitors to its website to download the data used to generate both the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the informational dashboards from the website in Microsoft Excel format; and

WHEREAS, the information contained in both the monthly *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the data presented on the department's website is public record; and

WHEREAS, the department already provides the data used to generate both the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the informational dashboards in response to public records requests.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to publish the census data used to generate both the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* and the informational dashboards on the department's website as downloadable files in Microsoft Excel format.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if available, the data used to generate the *Report of the Offender Census at Local Correctional Facilities* include a breakdown of the number of persons housed on behalf of other agencies, including United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the United States Marshals Service, persons sentenced to parish prisons, and pre-trial detainees.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES