

1 WHEREAS, the published report shall be given to the governor, to each
2 state senator and state representative, the major daily newspapers, and network
3 television stations in the following cities: New Orleans, Baton Rouge,
4 Lafayette, Lake Charles, Alexandria, Monroe, and Shreveport; and

5 WHEREAS, the report shall include information on all new or existing
6 programs relative to recruitment of new foster or adoptive homes and all
7 activities intended to improve the rate of placement of children in adoptive
8 homes.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana
10 does hereby direct the office of community services to annually compile a
11 Foster Care and Adoption Management report detailing its activities in the
12 areas of foster care and adoption and to create greater awareness by the
13 governor, the legislature, and the public of the activities of the office and its
14 capacity to fulfill its obligations relative to foster care and adoption.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each report shall include complete
16 data on each of the following categories:

- 17 (1) Number of children in state custody as of year end.
- 18 (2) Number of children taken into state custody.
- 19 (3) Number of children leaving state custody.
- 20 (4) Number of children adopted out of state custody.
- 21 (5) Number of children reunited with birth family out of state custody.
- 22 (6) Number of children leaving foster care due to age.
- 23 (7) Number of cases in which parental rights were terminated.
- 24 (8) Number of cases in which termination of rights was by court action.
- 25 (9) Number of cases in which the office has sought termination of
26 rights by court action.
- 27 (10) Number of cases in which the child has been in state custody for
28 longer than seventeen months where the office has not sought termination of

1 rights by court action, when such data becomes available through an automated
2 child welfare tracking system.

3 (11) Number of cases in which adoption is not a part of the plan for the
4 child.

5 (12) Number of children freed for adoption and awaiting placement.

6 (13) Average number of months in state custody for all children who
7 left custody during the year.

8 (14) New foster care homes opened.

9 (15) Foster care homes housing more than four children in state
10 custody.

11 (16) Number of children housed in hospitals or institutions.

12 (17) New foster and adoptive homes opened.

13 (18) Average number of cases assigned to each foster care case
14 manager.

15 (19) Average number of cases assigned to each adoption case manager.

16 (20) Number of children entering foster care by reasons for entering
17 foster care.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for each category of the report,
19 data shall be included for each of the following age groups:

20 (1) Infants (ages 0-1)

21 (2) Young children (ages 2-4)

22 (3) Older children (ages 5-9)

23 (4) Preadolescents and adolescents (ages 10-17)

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution
25 be transmitted to Carmen D. Weisner, assistant secretary of the Louisiana
26 office of community services within the Louisiana Department of Social
27 Services.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument.

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original resolution.

1. Requires the report to be compiled and published by the end of September for the preceding fiscal year ending on June 30.
2. Adds the number of children entering foster care by reasons therefor to the list of data that the office must compile.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed resolution.

1. Clarifies that the resolution does not create an Act, but instead provides that the office of community services shall compile certain information, which shall be called the Foster Care and Adoption Management report.