

SENATE BILL NO. 30

BY SENATOR MORRELL AND REPRESENTATIVES WESLEY BISHOP, BROSSETT  
AND LEGER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 42 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised  
3 of R.S. 13:5981 through 5985, relative to justice reform in Orleans Parish; to create  
4 and provide relative to the Orleans Justice and Rehabilitation Reform Commission;  
5 to provide for the purposes, governance, and funding of the commission; to provide  
6 for the commission's powers, duties, and functions; to authorize the commission to  
7 adopt rules and regulations necessary for the purposes of the commission; and to  
8 provide for related matters.

9 Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. Chapter 42 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be  
12 comprised of R.S. 13:5981 through 5985, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

13 **CHAPTER 42. THE ORLEANS JUSTICE AND REHABILITATION**

14 **REFORM COMMISSION**

15 **§5981. Findings; purpose**

16 **The legislature finds and declares that there is a need for a justice and**  
17 **rehabilitation reform body to study and report on all of the following:**

18 **(1) The current public safety crisis in Orleans Parish.**

19 **(2) The powers, functions, policies, and training of government and**  
20 **nongovernment entities, including their fiscal powers.**

21 **(3) The existing, necessary, and desirable allocation of state and local**  
22 **fiscal resources.**

23 **(4) The most efficient use of the correctional system and community**

1 resources in Orleans Parish.

2 (5) Alternatives to incarceration.

3 (6) Physical structures utilized in the Orleans Parish justice system.

4 (7) Any constitutional amendments and statutory enactments required  
5 to implement appropriate commission recommendations.

6 §5982. Creation; composition; officers; term of office

7 A. The Orleans Justice and Rehabilitation Reform Commission is hereby  
8 created.

9 B.(1) The commission shall be composed of seven voting members as  
10 follows:

11 (a) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B or his  
12 designee.

13 (b) The chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary or his designee.

14 (c) The president of the Senate or his designee.

15 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

16 (e) The mayor of the city of New Orleans or his designee.

17 (f) The chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee of the New Orleans  
18 City Council or his designee.

19 (g) The chairman of the commission created in response to House  
20 Concurrent Resolution No. 143 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana  
21 Legislature or his designee.

22 (2) The commission shall also be composed of eight nonvoting members  
23 as follows:

24 (a) The district attorney of the parish of Orleans or his designee.

25 (b) The chief judge of the Criminal District Court for the parish of  
26 Orleans or his designee.

27 (c) The chief judge of the Juvenile Court for the parish of Orleans or his  
28 designee.

29 (d) The chief judge of the Traffic Court of New Orleans or his designee.

30 (e) The chief judge of the Municipal Court for the city of New Orleans

1 or his designee.

2 (f) The clerk of the Criminal District Court for the parish of Orleans or  
3 his designee.

4 (g) The chief district defender of the Orleans Public Defenders Office or  
5 his designee.

6 (h) The sheriff for the parish of Orleans or his designee.

7 C. The chairman of the commission shall be the commissioner named in  
8 Subparagraph (B)(1)(a) of this Section and vice chairman of the commission  
9 shall be the commissioner named in Subparagraph (B)(1)(b) of this Section and  
10 shall serve for the duration of the commission.

11 D. Each member shall serve on the commission for the duration of the  
12 commission.

13 E. Four voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

14 §5983. Meetings; hearings; committees; report; sunset

15 A. The commission shall meet every other month, with two such meetings  
16 to be held in the city of New Orleans annually.

17 B. To the extent permitted by and in accordance with R.S. 44:1 et seq.,  
18 each officer, board, commission, council, department, or agency of state  
19 government, and each political subdivision of the state shall make available all  
20 facts, records, information, and data requested by the commission and in all  
21 ways cooperate with the commission in carrying out the functions and duties  
22 imposed by this Chapter.

23 C. The commission may establish committees as it deems advisable and  
24 feasible, whose membership shall include at least one member of the  
25 commission, but only the commission itself may take official action.

26 D. The commission shall issue a report of its findings and  
27 recommendations to the president of the Louisiana State Senate, the speaker of  
28 the House of Representatives, and the chairmen of the House Committee on  
29 Judiciary and Senate Committee on Judiciary B no later than March 1, 2016.

30 E. The commission may adopt rules of procedure for its operation.

1 F. The commission shall terminate operations on March 31, 2016.

2 §5984. Staff

3 The commission may utilize existing staff of the legislature, including but  
4 not limited to personnel of the legislative fiscal office. The commission shall  
5 submit a written request for approval for specific support and assistance to the  
6 presiding officer of the respective house from which the support and assistance  
7 is sought. Support or assistance from the staff of the legislative fiscal office shall  
8 be submitted to the presiding officers of both houses.

9 §5985. Finances

10 A.(1) No member of the commission shall receive any salary for duties  
11 performed as a member of the commission.

12 (2) Legislator members of the commission shall receive per diem and be  
13 reimbursed for expenses as provided by law and the rules of the Senate or  
14 House of Representatives.

15 B. The commission is authorized to apply for, contract for, receive, and  
16 expend for its purposes any appropriation or grant from the state, its political  
17 subdivisions, the federal government, or any other public or private source to  
18 implement the provisions of this Chapter.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_