



1 offenders accountable, and reinvest savings into strategies shown to reduce recidivism and  
2 increase public safety; and

3 WHEREAS, the work of this task force is comprehensive and ongoing and should  
4 continue until Louisiana has developed the best practices regarding the administration of  
5 criminal justice in the state of Louisiana.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 continue the authorization provided for in House Concurrent Resolution No. 82 of the 2015  
8 Regular Session, regarding the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is hereby authorized and directed  
10 to continue to study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's  
11 adult criminal justice system and, using a data-driven approach, develop sentencing and  
12 corrections policy recommendations for legislative consideration that will accomplish the  
13 following three goals:

14 (1) Reduce correctional populations and associated correctional spending by  
15 focusing prison space on serious and violent criminals.

16 (2) Hold offenders accountable more efficiently by implementing or expanding  
17 research-based supervision and sentencing practices.

18 (3) Reinvest savings into strategies shown to decrease recidivism, including  
19 improved reentry outcomes.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that membership of the task force shall be as follows:

21 (1) The governor, or his designee.

22 (2) The chief justice, or his designee.

23 (3) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

24 (4) The speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

25 (5) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

26 (6) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

27 (7) The president pro tempore of the Senate, or his designee.

28 (8) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.

29 (9) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

30 (10) The president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, or his designee.

1 (11) The president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his designee.

2 (12) A district court judge designated by the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme  
3 Court.

4 (13) The state public defender, or his designee.

5 (14) The chairman of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Public Safety  
7 and Corrections shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force  
9 shall constitute a quorum and shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or upon an affirmative  
10 vote of a majority of the task force. All members must be notified in writing of all meetings  
11 at least five days before the date on which a meeting of the task force is scheduled.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Sentencing Commission and the  
13 Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall provide the administrative assistance and  
14 staffing as may be necessary in order to enable the task force to accomplish its goals.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall request technical assistance  
16 from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, a joint private-public partnership between the  
17 United States Department of Justice and the Pew Charitable Trusts.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall direct the Louisiana  
19 Sentencing Commission, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and the Office  
20 of the Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court to provide relevant data and  
21 staff expertise to the technical assistance providers promptly upon request.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet no less than six times.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a final  
24 report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the  
25 task force to the governor, leadership and ranking members of the legislature, and the chief  
26 justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court by March 1, 2018. The report shall be made  
27 available to the public.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be abolished upon  
29 submission of the report.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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DIGEST

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Directs the La. Justice Reinvestment Task Force to continue to evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's adult criminal justice system and, using a data-driven approach, develop sentencing and corrections policy recommendations for legislative consideration to reduce the prison population, provide better use of resources, and reduce recidivism.