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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 60

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the topic of bias motivated crimes.

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March 7, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure.
March 12, 2018, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to assign to the appropriate interim study committee the topic
3 of bias motivated crimes.

4 *Whereas, Indiana remains one of only five states in the country*
5 *without an enumerated criminal statute addressing the punishment*
6 *and sentencing of bias motivated crimes;*

7 *Whereas, The number of bias motivated crimes and hate groups,*
8 *as reported by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and national civil*
9 *rights organizations including the Southern Poverty Law Center and*
10 *Anti-Defamation League, have increased in Indiana;*

11 *Whereas, Repeated legislative proposals to address bias*
12 *motivated crimes in Indiana's criminal sentencing statutes have been*
13 *unsuccessful; and*

14 *Whereas, The state of Indiana finds it important to contemplate*
15 *proposals on how to properly address issues of discrimination and*
16 *bias in society: Therefore,*

17 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
18 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

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1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges the legislative council
2 to assign the topic of bias motivated crimes to the appropriate interim
3 study committee

4 SECTION 2. The interim study committee shall study the
5 following issues related to bias motivated crimes: 1. A comparative study
6 of state and federal statutes that address bias motivated crimes; 2.
7 Current and future law enforcement training and education related to
8 recognizing and responding to bias motivated crimes; 3. The
9 identification of protected classes in civil and criminal anti-
10 discrimination statutes; 4. The effectiveness of aggravating sentencing
11 circumstances versus sentencing enhancements in addressing bias
12 motivated crimes; 5. How Indiana courts are currently addressing bias
13 motivated crimes.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedure, to which was referred Senate Resolution No. 60, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SR 60 as introduced.)

LONG, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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