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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE PYLANT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the feasibility of requiring part-time law enforcement officers to complete Peace Officer Standards and Training programs and to report the findings of the committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) was established by Act No. 397 of the 1976 Regular Session of the Legislature to develop training standards for peace officers in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Council was charged with the responsibility of establishing minimum curriculum requirements for the training of peace officers, accrediting law enforcement training centers, and otherwise providing for the training and education of peace officers; and

WHEREAS, any person who begins employment as a peace officer is required to successfully complete a certified training program approved by the council; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana law defines "peace officer" as including any full-time employee of the state, a municipality, a sheriff or other public agency, whose permanent duties include the making of arrests, performance of searches and seizures, execution of criminal warrants, and who is responsible for the prevention or detection of crime or for the enforcement of the penal, traffic, or highway laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, although the P.O.S.T. training requirements have applied to all full-time peace officers in Louisiana, the law does require part-time peace officers to participate in basic firearms training; and

WHEREAS, it is a worthwhile study to determine if public safety will improve by requiring part-time peace officers to complete the certified training program required of full-time officers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the feasibility of requiring part-time peace officers to complete Peace Officer Standards and Training programs and to report the findings of the committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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