



1           WHEREAS, Act No.1225 of the 2003 Regular Session of the Legislature and Act  
2 No. 555 of the 2004 Regular Session of the Legislature initiated a statewide reform of  
3 Louisiana's juvenile justice system in an attempt to achieve the same successes achieved by  
4 the "Missouri Model"; and

5           WHEREAS, seven years later, there is a continuing need to evaluate and revise  
6 Louisiana's juvenile justice system to ensure that all necessary and nationally-recognized  
7 systems and procedures are in place to ensure the well-being of the juvenile and the safety  
8 of the general public; and

9           WHEREAS, in conducting this evaluation, it is necessary that the Louisiana State  
10 Law Institute appoint and convene a task force composed of representatives of each of the  
11 following: the juvenile drug court community; the Louisiana District Judges Association;  
12 the Louisiana Supreme Court; the Louisiana Juvenile Detention Association; the Juvenile  
13 Justice Implementation Committee; the Legislature of Louisiana; the Louisiana District  
14 Attorneys Association; the Louisiana Public Defenders Board; the Louisiana Sheriffs'  
15 Association; the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana; the Department of Public Safety and  
16 Corrections, the office of juvenile justice, and the division of probation and parole; the  
17 Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; the Department of Education; the  
18 Department of Social Services; the Department of Health and Hospitals; the Louisiana  
19 Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice; each of the  
20 MacArthur Foundation - Models for Change sites located in Louisiana; the Children's Code  
21 Advisory Committee and the Criminal Code and Procedure Advisory Committee of the  
22 Louisiana State Law Institute; and any other entity concerned with the well-being of children  
23 and the juvenile justice system in this state.

24           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
25 urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to appoint and convene a task force to  
26 evaluate Louisiana's progress toward achieving juvenile justice reform as it relates to the  
27 "Missouri Model" and to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature of  
28 Louisiana as to additional steps necessary to further pursue a system of juvenile justice  
29 similar to that of the "Missouri Model".

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Law Institute report its  
2 findings and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than January 1, 2012.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4 Louisiana State Law Institute.

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DIGEST

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