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2016 Regular Session

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

LEGISLATIVE AGCY/LAW INST: Requests completion of a study regarding continuing contact by parents and other relatives with children in need of care

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To continue legislative authority for and request completion of a study by the Children's
3	Code Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute relative to continuing contact
4	by parents and other relatives with children who are subjects of child in need of care
5	proceedings as originally provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 125 of the
6	2015 Regular Session.
7	WHEREAS, in House Concurrent Resolution No. 125 of the 2015 Regular Session,
8	referred to hereafter as "HCR No. 125", the legislature called upon the Children's Code
9	Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute to study laws and policies relative to
10	continuing contact by parents and other relatives with children who are subjects of legal
11	proceedings known as "child in need of care proceedings" which are brought by the state to
12	protect children who are abused, neglected, abandoned, or endangered; and
13	WHEREAS, HCR No. 125 called upon the Children's Code Committee to report to
14	certain legislative committees prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session its
15	recommendations for any changes to laws and policies which would promote the safety and
16	well-being of children who are subjects of child in need of care proceedings; and
17	WHEREAS, as of the date of filing of this Resolution, the Children's Code
18	Committee has met numerous times to develop the study called for in HCR No. 125, and has
19	formed a special subcommittee to focus exclusively on the subject matter addressed in that
20	instrument; and

1	WHEREAS, according to an interim report that the Children's Code Committee
2	issued prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session, while the committee has
3	identified several issues and deficiencies under current state laws and policies relative to
4	continuing contact by parents and other relatives with children who are subjects of child in
5	need of care proceedings, its efforts to complete the report called for in HCR No. 125 are
6	still ongoing.
7	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8	commend the Children's Code Committee of the Louisiana State Law Institute for making
9	progress in the challenging and momentous task of formulating potential changes to laws
10	and policies which would promote the safety and well-being of our state's most vulnerable
11	children.
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13	continue legislative authority for the study by the Children's Code Committee concerning
14	laws and policies relative to continuing contact by parents and other relatives with children
15	who are subjects of child in need of care proceedings as called for in House Concurrent
16	Resolution No. 125 of the 2015 Regular Session.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
18	that the Children's Code Committee complete the study called for in House Concurrent
19	Resolution No. 125 of the 2015 Regular Session, and report its findings and
20	recommendations for any changes to laws and policies which would promote the safety and
21	well-being of children to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate
22	Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal
23	Justice, and the Senate Committee on Judiciary A no later than sixty days prior to the
24	convening of the 2017 Regular Session.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26	director of the Louisiana State Law Institute and the secretary of the Department of Children
27	and Family Services.

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