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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

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PUBLIC SFTY/CORRECTIONS: Requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to study alternative means of reporting to a probation and parole officer

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study and determine
3	the feasibility of implementing alternative means by which a person on probation or
4	parole reports to a probation and parole officer in lieu of in-person meetings.
5	WHEREAS, a person on probation or parole is required by law to report to a
6	probation and parole officer and to comply with other court-ordered conditions of their
7	probation or parole; and
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana law does not provide the specific means by which a person
9	on probation or parole reports to a probation and parole officer; and
10	WHEREAS, it is important for a probation and parole officer to keep informed of the
11	conduct of the person under his supervision and the person's compliance with conditions of
12	probation or parole; and
13	WHEREAS, according to the Administrative Office of the United States Courts
14	Probation and Pretrial Services Office, probation and parole officers are able to assess
15	numerous factors about the person under their supervision, including residence, employment,
16	and association with others, regardless of the required manner of reporting; and
17	WHEREAS, throughout the period of supervision, the probation and parole officer
18	may be able to adjust the frequency of reporting for a person on probation or parole
19	depending on the person's risk level and progress on supervision; and

1 WHEREAS, requiring a person on probation or parole to meet in-person with a 2 probation and parole officer could result in the person having to miss multiple days of work, 3 which could hinder the person's successful reintegration into society; and 4 WHEREAS, to ensure that the person is able to comply with reporting requirements 5 and other conditions while successfully reintegrating into society, it would be beneficial for 6 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study and determine the feasibility of 7 implementing alternatives to in-person reporting. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study and determine 10 the feasibility of implementing alternative means by which a person on probation or parole 11 reports to a probation and parole officer in lieu of in-person meetings. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

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to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

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