

1 and associated spending, hold offenders accountable, and reinvest savings into strategies
2 shown to reduce recidivism and increase public safety.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 authorize and direct the creation of the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is hereby authorized and directed
6 to study, evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's adult
7 criminal justice system and, using a data-driven approach, develop sentencing and
8 corrections policy recommendations for legislative consideration that will accomplish the
9 following three goals:

10 (1) Reduce correctional populations and associated correctional spending by
11 focusing prison space on serious and violent criminals.

12 (2) Hold offenders accountable more efficiently by implementing or expanding
13 research-based supervision and sentencing practices.

14 (3) Reinvest savings into strategies shown to decrease recidivism, including
15 improved reentry outcomes.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force
17 is hereby created. The membership of the task force shall be as follows:

18 (1) The governor, or his designee.

19 (2) The chief justice, or his designee.

20 (3) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

21 (4) The speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

22 (5) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.

23 (6) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

24 (7) The president pro tempore of the Senate, or his designee.

25 (8) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.

26 (9) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

27 (10) The president of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, or his designee.

28 (11) The president of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his designee.

29 (12) A district court judge designated by the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme
30 Court.

1 (13) The state public defender, or his designee.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Public Safety
3 and Corrections shall serve as the chairperson of the task force.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force
5 shall constitute a quorum and shall meet at the call of the chairperson, or upon an affirmative
6 vote of a majority of the task force. All members must be notified in writing of all meetings
7 at least five days before the date on which a meeting of the task force is scheduled.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
9 shall provide the administrative assistance and staffing as may be necessary in order to
10 enable the task force to accomplish its goals.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall request technical assistance
12 from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative, a joint private-public partnership between the
13 United States Department of Justice and the Pew Charitable Trusts.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall direct the Department of
15 Public Safety and Corrections and the Office of the Judicial Administrator of the Louisiana
16 Supreme Court to provide relevant data and staff expertise to the technical assistance
17 providers promptly upon request.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall hold its first meeting no
19 earlier than March 1, 2016, and no later than July 1, 2016, at the call of the secretary of the
20 Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet no less than six times.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a final
23 report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the
24 task force to the governor, leadership and ranking members of the legislature, and the chief
25 justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court by March 1, 2017. The report shall be made
26 available to the public.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be abolished upon
28 submission of the report.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Directs the creation of the La. Justice Reinvestment Task Force comprising thirteen members to evaluate, analyze, and undertake a comprehensive review of the state's adult criminal justice system and, using a data-driven approach, develop sentencing and corrections policy recommendations for legislative consideration to reduce the prison population, provide better use of resources, and reduce recidivism.