

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 244

BY REPRESENTATIVES ECHOLS AND CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the brick-and-mortar casino operations in Louisiana and to report its findings prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in 1991, statutes were enacted to legalize and regulate gaming in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, gaming revenue has long been a substantial part of Louisiana's economy, generating seven hundred sixty-four million nine hundred fifty-one thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars in revenue for the state in Fiscal Year 2022-2023 alone; and

WHEREAS, Part I of Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 created the "Louisiana Sports Wagering Act" and allows certain casinos to provide for in-person sports wagering at a retail sports book within a sports wagering lounge; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 27:270 provides for the allocation of gaming revenue derived from casino gaming operations towards enumerated educational funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, to study the brick-and-mortar casino operations in Louisiana and receive information from the casino industry, Louisiana Gaming Control Board, operators of brick-and-mortar casinos in Louisiana, and any other relevant stakeholders regarding all of the following:

(1) The taxation challenges that negatively impact the Louisiana gaming market's ability to remain competitive among neighboring states and dissuade new investment and reinvestment in existing properties.

(2) The factors that impact the casino operators' decisions regarding reinvestment to brick-and-mortar facilities in Louisiana and what would incentivize investments similar to what has been pursued in other large gaming markets in the range of one hundred million dollars.

(3) The substantive reinvestment projects undertaken by each casino operator into their brick-and-mortar facilities over the last ten years and each operator's current and future projects, to assess possible taxation remedies that will equitably aid brick-and-mortar operators and bring the highest possible benefit to the state.

(4) The business relationships between brick-and-mortar operators and out-of-state companies without a physical presence in Louisiana from the following perspectives:

(a) The priorities and requirements of the brick-and-mortar operators.

(b) The considerations of out-of-state entities when deciding whether or not to operate in Louisiana.

(5) The feasibility of methods to encourage capital investment in brick-and-mortar casinos by examining innovations in technology, emerging forms of gaming, and how other successes were achieved in other large gaming markets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or a subcommittee thereof, shall report its findings to the Louisiana Legislature prior to the convening of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES