

1 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
2 the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to obtain a summary report
3 from the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs that includes the latest numbers of
4 homeless veterans and the scope and breakdown of veteran homelessness in Louisiana, and
5 that identifies effective veteran homelessness prevention efforts currently underway in
6 Louisiana.

7 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana further
8 requests the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to seek input from
9 selected non-profit entities and coalitions that are currently serving homeless veterans in
10 Louisiana and that will report to the committee its recommendations for the most direct and
11 effective ways in which the state legislature may assist in preventing veteran homelessness
12 in Louisiana, including discussion of the need for individual shelter facilities in Louisiana.
13 The selected non-profit entities shall consist of the following:

- 14 (1) Wellspring Alliance.
- 15 (2) Hope Connections.
- 16 (3) Elle Foundation.
- 17 (4) Start Corporation.
- 18 (5) Volunteers of America Greater Baton Rouge.
- 19 (6) Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana.
- 20 (7) The seven Louisiana Continuum of Care regions that serve the homeless and
21 report to the Louisiana Housing Corporation and the United States Department of Housing
22 and Urban Development.

23 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana further
24 requests the House Special Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs to determine the need
25 for adding a full-time position in the Louisiana Department of Veteran Affairs to be
26 responsible for focusing on preventing veteran homelessness and building direct effective
27 statewide referrals for emergency, transitional, and long-term housing for Louisiana veterans
28 and veterans at risk of homelessness.

29 THEREFORE, in the undertaking of the study, the House Special Committee on
30 Military and Veteran Affairs may seek input from the Louisiana Department of Veteran

1 Affairs and the Louisiana Housing Corporation to determine additional effective methods
2 by which the state of Louisiana can continue to prevent veteran homelessness.

3 THEREFORE, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana requests
4 the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs to study the issue of veteran
5 homelessness in Louisiana and the feasibility and practicability of designating an employee
6 of the Department of Veteran Affairs to focus on homelessness, and to report its findings to
7 the House of Representatives prior to November 19, 2021.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House Special Committee on Military and
9 Veterans Affairs shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced
10 pursuant to this Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required
11 by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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Requests the House Special Committee on Military and Veteran Affairs to study the issue of veteran homelessness in La. and the feasibility and practicability of designating an employee of the Dept. of Veteran Affairs to focus on homelessness, and to report its findings prior to Nov. 19, 2021.