

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To direct the Louisiana Sentencing Commission to develop the necessary data base to be used in the analysis of the present sentencing laws and practices, and the subsequent development, testing, and justification of data driven recommendations that are in the best interest of the citizens of the state, and make its initial recommendations to the legislature by March 1, 2012, that will improve public safety and be cost effective to taxpayers.

WHEREAS, the Commission on Streamlining Government has made a recommendation to direct the Louisiana Sentencing Commission to complete its work and provide the legislature with recommendations that will improve public safety and be cost-effective to taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission is comprised of individuals appointed by the governor, members of the legislature and members of the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission should evaluate the current classification and sentencing structure of non-violent felony offenses and recommendations for sentencing alternatives, particularly with regard to long-term supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission should analyze and make recommendations focused on the state's drug policies in relation to sentencing guidelines and prison population; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Sentencing Commission should make recommendations on the diminution of sentence ("good time statutes with specific proposals or legislation to make it more consistent and less complicated"); and

WHEREAS, this recommendation was presented to the Commission on Streamlining Government on December 8, 2009, and was adopted by the commission as recommendation number 238; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations are of utmost interest to the members of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations will serve as a valuable and necessary tool for members of the legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby directs the Louisiana Sentencing Commission to develop the necessary data base to be used in the analysis of the present sentencing laws and practices, and the subsequent development, testing, and justification of data driven recommendations that are in the best interest of the citizens of the state, and make its initial recommendations to the legislature by March 1, 2012, that will improve public safety and be cost effective to taxpayers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES