

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to prepare and deliver to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary C and the Senate Committee on Finance, no later than June 30, 2024, a list of any and all educational, vocational, substance abuse treatment, faith-based, values development, or other rehabilitative programs available to inmates at each of the department's correctional facilities.

WHEREAS, crime ranks among the highest areas of concern for Louisiana residents, with fifty-three percent of its adult population having experienced physical violence; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate per capita in the United States, with one in twenty-six adults under correctional control; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana has over a forty percent, five year recidivism rate; and

WHEREAS, one of the stated responsibilities of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is to administer programs designed to protect persons in its custody and prepare them for release; and

WHEREAS, the availability of effective rehabilitative programs to inmates is crucial to reducing recidivism, decreasing the prison population, and preventing future crime.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to prepare and deliver to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary C, the Senate Committee on Finance, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than June 30, 2024, a list of any and all educational, vocational, substance abuse treatment, faith-based, values development, or other rehabilitative programs available to inmates at each of the department's correctional facilities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the list shall include the number of incarcerated persons at each correctional facility participating in each of the programs, the percentage of the facility population that is participating in each program, and the completion percentage for each program by facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to

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ENROLLED

James M. LeBlanc, secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE