

RESOLUTION NO. ____ of 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE TO COMMISSION AN INDEPENDENT STUDY THE EFFECTS OF THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT LEGISLATION OF 2017 AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Justice Reinvestment Task Force proposed a Justice Reinvestment legislative package which was adopted in 2017;

WHEREAS, a premise of the Justice Reinvestment package was that it is in the best interest of the public to reduce prison populations and associated spending, hold offenders accountable, and reinvest savings into strategies to reduce recidivism and increase public safety;

WHEREAS, the Justice Reinvestment legislative package reduced sentences and allowed for early release of violent offenders;

WHEREAS, the study should examine if individuals released as violent offenders have reoffended; and

WHEREAS, the study should examine if the increase in violent crime is a result of the adoption of the Justice Reinvestment legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Legislature to conduct an impartial and critical study of the effects of the Justice Reinvestment legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana State Legislature is urged and requested to adopt legislation implementing the findings of the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date