

1 Colorado, Illinois, Oregon, and Virginia have passed similar legislation establishing
2 Veterans Treatment Courts; and

3 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs
4 conduct a study regarding the creation and implementation of a Veterans Treatment Court
5 in this state; and

6 WHEREAS, the study should highlight the increasing needs and advantages for
7 additional dockets to accommodate Veterans Treatment Courts, to assist in rehabilitating
8 those service members who will be returning from Afghanistan and Iraq in the immediate
9 future, and to provide them with the opportunity to live a sober and stable life while
10 restoring their military honor and their commitments to family and community; and

11 WHEREAS, any such study of a Veterans Treatment Court program must promote
12 a non-adversarial approach within its framework and build awareness of the important
13 advantages to adopting such a court system.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study of
16 Veterans Treatment Courts and the feasibility of creating and implementing such courts in
17 the state of Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other entities are urged to participate in this
19 study, including but not limited to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the
20 Louisiana Supreme Court, the Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of
21 Criminal Justice, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana District Attorneys
22 Association, and the Louisiana Public Defender Board.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

DIGEST

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