

1 Caregivers, within the office of the governor, hereinafter referred to as "The CIP Council";
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3 WHEREAS, The CIP Council consists of stakeholders in the justice system,
4 including the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, and caregivers and children
5 impacted by parental incarceration including Daughters Beyond Incarceration; and

6 WHEREAS, The CIP Council is charged with studying the effects of incarceration
7 on children and recommending policy changes as a result of its findings; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections authorizes penal and
9 correctional facilities in its jurisdiction to establish policies to promote a continuous
10 relationship between a child and their incarcerated parent; and

11 WHEREAS, notwithstanding this authority, Daughters Beyond Incarceration has
12 expressed concerns that Louisiana's correctional facilities lack family-sensitive policies,
13 rendering it difficult and oftentimes impossible for children to visit their incarcerated parent.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 direct the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to establish family-sensitive policies
16 for all correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the department.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such policies may include all of the following:

18 (1) Permitting incarcerated parents to wear regular clothing during visitation with
19 their children.

20 (2) Providing adequate notice to prospective visitors in advance of a visitation of all
21 of the requirements that need to be met to facilitate visitation.

22 (3) Ensuring that visitation rooms at correctional facilities are accommodating for
23 all children's learning styles and physical abilities.

24 (4) Providing clean restrooms and access to sanitary napkins inside visitation
25 restrooms.

26 (5) Ensuring that the intra-state location of children is considered in determining the
27 location that the parent will be incarcerated.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

DIGEST

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Authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to establish family-sensitive policies for all correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the department.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Authorize, rather than require, DPS&C to establish family-sensitive policies for all correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the department.