

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 172

BY SENATOR JOHN SMITH

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Select Committee on Women and Children to study the issues and state jurisdiction of certain child-on-child offenses occurring on federal military bases.

WHEREAS, an effective way of preventing juvenile delinquency and keeping at-risk children away from crime is to tackle the problem before it happens; this entails looking at the causes of crime among teens and making an effort to reduce or eliminate said causes; and

WHEREAS, for some, mischievous juvenile behavior is a phase that most children and teens go through while growing into adults, but military officials historically have frowned upon unbecoming behavior on the bases they govern and are expected to respond accordingly with disciplinary action; and

WHEREAS, military bases are federal enclaves and a myriad of issues are presented in regard to state involvement and jurisdiction with regard to children who commit crimes on military bases.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Select Committee on Women and Children to study the issues and state jurisdiction of certain child-on-child offenses occurring on federal military bases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee make a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate not later than sixty days prior to the 2013 Regular Session, together with any specific proposals for legislation.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE