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SENATE RESOLUTION No. 29

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A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to study the impacts and results of Indiana's criminal code reforms.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council
2 to study the impacts and results of Indiana's criminal code
3 reforms.

4 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly enacted House Bill*
5 *1006 in 2013 and 2014 in an effort to overhaul Indiana's*
6 *criminal code;*

7 *Whereas, These efforts were the culmination of a five year*
8 *study to make Indiana's criminal code consistent, proportional,*
9 *and effective;*

10 *Whereas, Change to the Indiana criminal code may have deep*
11 *and lasting impacts on Indiana's criminal justice system and*
12 *local governments, thereby affecting the lives of Hoosiers for*
13 *years to come;*

14 *Whereas, The Indiana State Senate urges the legislative*
15 *council to assign to an appropriate study committee the task of*
16 *analyzing the impacts and results of Indiana's criminal code*
17 *reforms enacted in 2013 and 2014;*

18 *Whereas, A study committee assigned this topic is encouraged*
19 *to analyze and provide data on items including but not limited*
20 *to: the number of defendants who would have gone to facilities*
21 *operated by the Department of Correction (DOC) but who now*
22 *stay in local jails; the total and per day cost to local*



1 *government budgets as a result of housing inmates in local*
 2 *jails; the total savings to the State of Indiana because of DOC*
 3 *facility closures as a result of Indiana criminal code reforms;*
 4 *any changes in the number of low level felons before legislative*
 5 *reforms; and any changes in recidivism rates before and after*
 6 *legislative reforms; and*

7 *Whereas, A study committee assigned this topic is encouraged*
 8 *to determine and report to the Indiana General Assembly its*
 9 *findings including but not limited to: whether or not counties*
 10 *have had to hire more corrections officers as a result of*
 11 *increased inmate populations at local jails; and whether local*
 12 *governments or the DOC may best be able to provide addiction*
 13 *services, behavioral modification classes, and educational*
 14 *opportunities to inmates: Therefore,*

15 *Be it resolved by the Senate*
 16 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

17 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate encourages the
 18 legislative council to assign to an appropriate study committee
 19 the task of analyzing changes to local governments and the
 20 criminal justice system because of Indiana criminal code
 21 reforms enacted by the Indiana General Assembly in 2013 and
 22 2014.

23 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
 24 to transmit a copy of this resolution to the office of State
 25 Senator James W. Merritt, Jr.

