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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

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COMMITTEE STUDIES: Requests the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the effectiveness of metal detectors in movie theaters

A STUDY REQUEST

2	To request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the
3	effectiveness of metal detectors in movie theaters, and to report its findings to the
4	House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana.
6	WHEREAS, recent attacks in movie theaters across the country, including the city
7	of Lafayette, have led to the questioning of whether movie theaters need heightened security;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, security measures have become a daily part of the lives of citizens in
10	the United States; metal detectors generally serve to reduce the risk of staff, patrons, or any
11	other visitor entering the premises of a school, theme park, sports arena, or airport by
12	detecting the presence of firearms and other dangerous weapons; and
13	WHEREAS, House Bill No. 101 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of
14	Louisiana was introduced to create the crime of unlawful operation of an unsafe motion
15	picture theater, which would require a person who is an owner or operator of a motion
16	picture theater in the state to install a walk-through metal detector, a wand metal detector,
17	or equivalent electronic equipment designed to detect the presence of firearms and other
18	dangerous weapons in the possession of theater patrons; and
19	WHEREAS, the use of metal detectors in movie theaters may be a proactive step to
20	prevent tragic incidents from happening.

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- 2 the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the effectiveness
- 3 of metal detectors in movie theaters and to report its findings to the House of
- 4 Representatives prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature of
- 5 Louisiana.

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