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HOUSE STUDY REQUEST NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

CRIME: Requests a study of the feasibility, practicality, and effectiveness of limiting access to fully automatic weapons by children

A STUDY REQUEST

2	To urge and request the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to
3	study the feasibility, practicality, and effectiveness of limiting access of children
4	under twelve years of age to fully automatic weapons.
5	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature has enacted many laws which prohibit
6	engaging in certain activities to protect children; and
7	WHEREAS, Louisiana laws establish age prohibitions for voting, obtaining a license
8	to operate a motor vehicle, entering into contracts, marriage, purchasing alcoholic beverages,
9	obtaining a tattoo, consuming alcoholic beverages, purchasing cigarettes, and purchasing
10	firearms; and
11	WHEREAS, additionally the state of Louisiana has enacted the Louisiana Children's
12	Code which establishes special juvenile laws and procedures in recognition of the
13	differences which exist between adults and juveniles; and
14	WHEREAS, these laws have been enacted with the knowledge that our children are
15	both the future of this state and our most precious resource, that children and adults are
16	different, and that the law of this state should take into consideration these differences, and
17	that in all matters, the best interest of the child is of paramount concern in all areas of the
18	law; and
19	WHEREAS, there are certain machine guns or fully automatic weapons which are
20	difficult to operate for many reasons and require a certain amount of strength for adults to

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1 control properly and operate safely and which cannot be safely and properly operated by

2 children; and

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- WHEREAS, Article I, Section 11 of the Constitution of Louisiana guarantees the
- 4 fundamental right of Louisiana citizens to keep and bear arms which shall not be infringed;
- 5 and
- WHEREAS, despite this fact, Louisiana law prohibits the sale of weapons to minors
- 7 and prohibits a person under the age of twenty-one from obtaining a concealed handgun
- 8 permit; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has a compelling interest in protecting the
- 10 children of this state who are our most vulnerable and precious residents.
- 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on the Administration
- of Criminal Justice to study the feasibility, practicality, and effectiveness of limiting access
- of children under twelve years of age to fully automatic weapons.

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Requests the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice to study the feasibility, practicality, and effectiveness of limiting access of children under 12 years of age to fully automatic weapons.