

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA****TITLE**

A resolution to support House Bill No. 121 filed in the 2021 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature relative to the Shreveport Police Department, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

**DATE**

May 11, 2021

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT**

City Council

**COUNCIL DISTRICT**

City-wide

**SPONSOR**

Councilman Grayson Boucher

**PURPOSE**

To support House Bill No. 121 filed in the 2021 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature (“HB 121”).

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

HB 121 authorizes the City of Shreveport’s police chief to use a two-platoon system or three-platoon system to implement any work shift cycles authorized by law for the City’s police department employees. In addition, this measure repeals an exemption for the City’s police employees above the grade of lieutenant as it relates to certain overtime and work schedule laws.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: May 11, 2020

Final Passage: May 11, 2020

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

Exhibit A: HB 121

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

**FINANCES**

NA

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

NA

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the resolution as submitted, or (2) Amend the resolution, or (3) Reject the resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Councilman Grayson Boucher recommends adoption of this Resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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Clerk of Council

**RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF 2021**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL NO. 121 FILED IN THE 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF THE LOUISIANA LEGISLATURE RELATIVE TO THE SHREVEPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER: GRAYSON BOUCHER**

**WHEREAS**, House Bill No. 121 of the 2021 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature (“HB 121”) authorizes the City of Shreveport’s police chief to use a two-platoon system or three-platoon system to implement any work shift cycles authorized by law for the City’s police department employees; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 121 will allow the City to consider a change of police employee schedules from an 8-hour schedule to the 12-hour schedule provided for in current law, which may reduce the number of overtime hours worked; and

**WHEREAS**, HB 121 repeals the overtime/schedule exemption for police employees above the rank of lieutenant, which may result in the City being required to pay police captains time and a half for overtime hours worked; and

**WHEREAS**, the net impact of this bill may result in a decrease of City expenditures by \$615,500 starting in Fiscal Year 2022 and decreasing further to \$666,200 by Fiscal Year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, officials with the Louisiana Municipal Police Employees Retirement System and Louisiana Department of Public Safety indicated that this bill would not impact the police retirement system or state supplemental pay for City police respectively.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that the Shreveport City Council endorses and strongly supports the enactment of House Bill No. 121 that has been filed in the 2021 regular session of the Louisiana Legislature.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared servable.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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City Attorney’s Office