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2 (1) A senator from the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, appointed by the chairman.

3 (2) A representative from the House of Representatives Committee on  
4 Administration of Criminal Justice, appointed by the chairman.

5 (3) A district judge, appointed by the Louisiana District Judges Association.

6 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his  
7 designee.

8 (5) A public defender who has tried second degree murder cases, appointed by the  
9 state public defender.

10 (6) A representative of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of  
11 adult services, designated by the secretary.

12 (7) A member of the Louisiana Parole Project, appointed by the executive director.

13 (8) A professor from the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center,  
14 appointed by the dean.

15 (9) A professor from the Southern University Law Center, appointed by the dean.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the  
17 names of designees to the task force to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
18 C no later than July 1, 2023.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene for its first meeting  
20 no later than September 1, 2023, at the call of the chairman of the Senate Committee on  
21 Judiciary C, and at the first meeting the members shall elect a chairman and other officers  
22 as the task force may deem appropriate.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive staff support from  
24 one or more of the entities from which the task force membership is designated or appointed,  
25 at the discretion of the task force.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a  
27 quorum for the transaction of business and all official actions of the task force shall require  
28 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve  
30 without compensation except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be

1 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the  
3 submission of its report, if any, or on February 1, 2024, whichever occurs first.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
5 Louisiana District Judges Association, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the state  
6 public defender, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, the Louisiana Parole  
7 Project, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, and the Southern University  
8 Law Center.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Whitney Kauffeld.

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	DIGEST	
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Creates the Task Force on Sentencing for Second Degree Murder to study potential changes to the sentencing laws for the crime of second degree murder, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, if the task force deems it necessary or appropriate.

Provides that the task force consists of the following members:

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- (2) A representative from the House of Representatives Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, appointed by the chairman.
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Provides relative to meetings of the task force, quorum, and voting.

Provides that the task force may make a written report of its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2024.