

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 196

BY REPRESENTATIVE LANDRY

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: Recreates the Safe Alternatives to Segregation Task Force

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the continuation of the Safe Alternatives to Segregation Task Force  
3 established by House Resolution No. 127 of the 2021 Regular Session of the  
4 Legislature, to provide for the membership, powers, and duties of the task force, and  
5 to require the task force to report its findings.

6 WHEREAS, in the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature the Safe Alternatives to  
7 Segregation Task Force was established to, among other things, review and receive  
8 information regarding the current regulations and policies of the Department of Public Safety  
9 and Corrections on the use of segregation and safe alternatives to segregation; and

10 WHEREAS, pursuant to House Resolution No. 127 of the 2021 Regular Session of  
11 the Legislature, the task force began its work in November 2021 and based on the  
12 information, presentations, and subcommittee meetings with and from various stakeholders,  
13 the task force is working to finalize its report to the Legislature prior to January 31, 2024;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, based on the work of the task force and its subcommittees, the  
16 Department of Public Safety and Corrections published revisions to the Disciplinary Matrix  
17 and Rulebook; and

18 WHEREAS, the task force recommends that legislation be introduced in the 2024  
19 Regular Session of the Legislature to continue the work of the task force related to its  
20 original scope.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representative of the  
2           Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the continuation of the Safe  
3           Alternatives to Segregation Task Force established by House Resolution No. 127 of the 2021  
4           Regular Session of the Legislature.

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the  
6           following members:

7           (1) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice,  
8           or his designee.

9           (2) The author of House Bill No. 68 from the 2021 Regular Session of the  
10          Legislature, or his designee.

11          (3) The secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or his  
12          designee.

13          (4) The chief of operations of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or  
14          his designee.

15          (5) The executive counsel of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, or  
16          his designee.

17          (6) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.

18          (7) The mental health director of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

19          (8) A psychiatrist from the Department of Public Safety and Corrections appointed  
20          by the secretary of the department.

21          (9) A representative from the Louisiana Stop Solitary Coalition.

22          (10) The state director of Right on Crime for the state of Louisiana, or his designee.

23          (11) A representative from the Louisiana Mental Health Coalition.

24          (12) The director of the Mental Health Unit of the Orleans Parish public defender  
25          office.

26          (13) Two formerly incarcerated persons who have experienced solitary confinement  
27          or a family member of someone who has experienced solitary confinement.

28          (14) A mental health professional who has treated formerly incarcerated persons  
29          who have experienced solitary confinement or persons with serious mental illnesses.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scope of work and mission of the task force  
2 set forth in House Resolution No. 127 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature are  
3 continued to recommend any legislation or funds necessary in the budget for the 2024  
4 Regular Session of the Legislature.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the author of House Resolution No. 127 of the  
6 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature or the Louisiana Stop Solitary Coalition, or both,  
7 shall provide staff support to the commission.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may request and collect relevant  
9 and necessary data, as well as any information to accomplish its purposes from state and  
10 local governmental agencies.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities from which such information and  
12 data is requested may, to the extent feasible, provide such information and data to the task  
13 force at no cost.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a report  
15 of its findings and policy recommendations to the governor and the House of  
16 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana prior to January 31, 2024.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each  
18 of the task force members, the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, and the  
19 appointing entities provided in this Resolution.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Safe Alternatives to Segregation Task Force  
21 shall submit one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this  
22 Resolution to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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