

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Establishes the Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse Investigation Processes to examine the current processes for investigating child sexual abuse, identify gaps and weaknesses, recommend actionable improvements to better protect and support victims, and to report to the legislature and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, not later than February 28, 2025, and to terminate upon the date of submission of such report or February 28, 2025, whichever occurs first.

Provide that the task force will be comprised of the following members:

- (1) Two representatives from the Dept. of Children and Family Services, appointed by the secretary.
- (2) A law enforcement officer with experience investigating sexual abuse in children appointed by the La. Sheriffs' Association.
- (3) A juvenile court judge appointed by the La. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- (4) A family court judge appointed by the La. District Judges Association.
- (5) A district attorney appointed by the La. District Attorneys Association.
- (6) A forensic interviewer appointed by the La. Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers.
- (7) A child psychologists appointed by the chairman of the La. State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.
- (8) A survivor of child sexual abuse appointed by Sexual Trauma Awareness & Response.
- (9) A custodial parent or caretaker of a child who has been the subject of a child sexual abuse investigation, appointed by the secretary of the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (10) A noncustodial parent of a child who has been the subject of a sexual abuse investigation, appointed by Fathers On a Mission.
- (11) A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner appointed by the president of the La. State Board of Nursing.
- (12) The president of the La. Senate, or his designee.
- (13) The state child ombudsman, or her designee.

Provides relative to meetings of the task force, election of officers, quorum, compensation, voting, and staffing.

Provides that the task force may make a written report of its findings and recommendations by February 28, 2025.