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SCR No. 27

Creates the Joint Human Trafficking Study Commission to study the conditions, needs, issues, and problems relative to human trafficking in Louisiana and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary or appropriate.

The commission consists of the following members, or their designees: (1) Three members of the Senate appointed by the president, one of whom is a member of the minority party, and one of whom serves as co-chairperson; (2) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker, one of whom is a member of the minority party, and one of whom serves as co-chairperson; (3) The executive director of the La. Human Trafficking Task Force; (4) A sheriff appointed by the La. Sheriffs' Association; (5) A local police chief appointed by the La. Association of Chiefs of Police; (6) A district attorney appointed by the La. District Attorneys Association; (7) A juvenile court judge appointed by the La. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; a district court judge appointed by the La. District Judges Association; (8) A public defender appointed by the La. Public Defender Board; (9) An individual with expertise in advocacy for children who are sexually exploited, appointed by the executive director of the Children's Cabinet in the governor's office; (10) An individual with expertise in advocacy for adult victims of human trafficking appointed by Dept. of Children and Family Services.

Further provides that the commission is to study current law and policy in Louisiana and other states; elicit views from experts in the fields of child welfare, juvenile justice, social work, mental health, and public health, as well as input from child victims and adult survivors of commercial sexual exploitation; examine recent policy and social science reports on human trafficking, including its effects on individuals and community safety; and review services that are currently available to victims of human trafficking in Louisiana, as well as best practices for serving victims of human trafficking from other jurisdictions.

Further provides that the commission may conduct such meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of the commission. Further provides that members of the commission receive no additional compensation for their services on the commission except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

Specifies that a majority of the total membership constitutes a quorum of the commission, and any official action by the commission requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

Further provides that any report of findings and recommendations is to be made no later than 60

days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session.

Further provides that the commission terminates on January 10, 2014.