

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

CHILDREN/FOSTER CARE: Extends the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study public policy and financing options for youth aging out of foster care

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To continue and provide with respect to the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care
3 created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session of the
4 Legislature.

5 WHEREAS, through House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular
6 Session, the legislature formed the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study
7 and explore the public policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth
8 aging out of foster care to achieve successful independence once they reach the age of
9 majority; and

10 WHEREAS, the task force is composed of members who, individually and
11 collectively, possess significant experience and interest in preparing youth aging out of
12 foster care to take advantage of available opportunities and overcome likely challenges as
13 a young adult; and

14 WHEREAS, since its inception, the task force has held meetings to study and explore
15 the public policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth aging out of
16 foster care to achieve successful independence once they reach the age of majority, and
17 fulfill other purposes as provided in its authorizing resolution; and

18 WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to the future and wellbeing of the state
19 of Louisiana to provide youth exiting foster care after age eighteen opportunities to be
20 meaningfully involved in a solid transition planning process that focuses on the development
21 of independent living skills and addresses topics such as safe, stable, and affordable housing;

1 access to health insurance; education; and employment opportunities in addition to creating
2 healthy, permanent connections; and

3 WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, continuation of this task force's efforts is a
4 priority of the legislature.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 continue the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study and explore the public
7 policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth aging out of foster care to
8 achieve successful independence once they reach the age of majority created by House
9 Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall
11 continue through July 1, 2017.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the task force shall continue as
13 provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall continue
15 as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session with the
16 addition of each of the following as a committee member:

- 17 (1) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet or his designee.
- 18 (2) The director of drug policy, office of the governor or his designee.
- 19 (3) A representative from the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of
20 public health, maternal and child health sector.
- 21 (4) A representative from the Department of Health and Hospitals, bureau of
22 health services financing.
- 23 (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial
24 Assistance or his designee.
- 25 (6) A representative from the Louisiana Superintendent Association.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in all meetings of the task force, the quorum for
27 the transaction of business shall consist of the members present at the meeting, provided that
28 the number of voting members present exceeds thirty percent of the number of eligible task
29 force members. A majority of those eligible members present and voting shall decide all
30 questions and any official actions of the task force.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Continues and provides with respect to the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care created by HCR No. 168 of the 2015 R.S.

Specifies that the purposes of the study committee shall continue as provided in HCR No. 168 of the 2015 R.S.

Specifies that the membership of the study committee shall continue as provided in HCR No. 168 of the 2015 R.S. with the addition of certain committee members.

Provides that legislative authority for the study committee shall continue through July 1, 2017.