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Continues the La. Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the requirements for implementation and development of best procedures for the use of the body cameras and rules for access to and use of body camera recordings by law enforcement agencies in this state.

Provides that this task force shall consist of 21 members and be composed of the following:

- (1) Chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
- (2) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.
- (3) Attorney general or his designee.
- (4) State public defender or his designee.
- (5) President of the La. District Attorney's Association or his designee.
- (6) Executive director of the La. Sheriff's Association or his designee.
- (7) President of the La. Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.
- (8) The president of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police or his designee.
- (9) Representative of the American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana.
- (10) District court judge designated by the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court.
- (11) Representative of the LSU Police Department.
- (12) Representative of the Southern University Police Department.
- (13) Representative of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People.
- (14) Mayor or city-parish president representing a suburban municipality as designated by the La. Municipal Association.
- (15) Superintendent of La. State Police or his designee.

- (16) President of the La. Association of Broadcasters or his designee.
- (17) President of the La. Press Association or his designee.
- (18) President of the Senate or his designee.
- (19) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.
- (20) Representative of the La. Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.
- (21) Secretary of state or his designee.

Provides that all appointments to the task force made pursuant to HCR 180 of the 2015 RS shall continue to serve on the task force, except as provided herein. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

Provides that a majority of the membership of the task force shall constitute a quorum and shall elect the chairman of the task force at its first meeting. Provides that the task force shall meet at the call of the chair or upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the task force. Requires that all members be notified in writing of all meetings at least five days before the date on which a meeting of the task force is scheduled.

Requires that the chair call a meeting of the task force no later than October 1, 2017, and hold meetings at the times and in the places it may deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its charge. The task force shall be entitled to call its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any state or municipal department, agency, or board as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

Provides that the task force shall meet no less than two times.

Provides that the task force may seek the advice of experts, such as persons specializing in the fields of criminology, psychology, education, criminal or family law, or other related fields as deemed appropriate by the membership of the task force.

Requires that the task force prepare and submit a final report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the task force to the governor, the Senate president, the House speaker, the chair of the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, and the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court not later than 60 days prior to the 2018 Regular Session, which recommendations shall include but not be limited to those relative to the following:

(1) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras, which shall include recommendations on procedures for when the body camera shall be in recording mode.

- (2) Any limitations on the situations in which peace officers are permitted to wear body cameras.
- (3) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body cameras.
- (4) General guidelines regarding the law enforcement training relative to each law enforcement agency's policies and procedures on the use of body cameras.
- (5) Legislation needed, if any, to authorize the use of body cameras by peace officers in this state.

Provides that the task force is abolished upon submission of the report.