

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Morrell

Creates the Task Force on Secure Care Standards and Auditing to develop standards and procedures for the operation and auditing of secure care facilities in Louisiana.

Requires the task force to submit a written report of findings and an auditing schedule for secure care facilities to be delivered to the governor, the legislature, the office of juvenile justice (OJJ), and the legislative auditor no later than February 1, 2018.

Requires OJJ to begin the process of promulgating into rule the task force recommendations no later than October 1, 2018.

Requires the task force to submit a written report of findings, policy recommendations, and legislation recommendations to the governor, legislature, OJJ and the legislative auditor no later than February 1, 2019.

Abolishes the task force on February 1, 2019.

Provides that the task force shall consist of the following:

- (1) The deputy secretary of OJJ, or his designee.
- (2) The president of the La. Juvenile Detention Assn., or his designee.
- (3) The director of the La. Center for Children's Rights, or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of DCFS, or his designee.
- (5) The secretary of LDH, or his designee.
- (6) The executive director of the Advocacy Center of La., or his designee.
- (7) The statewide director of the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiatives, or his designee.
- (8) An expert in assessing conditions of confinement in juvenile facilities, appointed by the chairman.
- (9) An attorney with experience representing children, appointed by the director of Mental Health Advocacy Service.
- (10) The executive director of Justice for Families, or his designee.
- (11) The executive director of Families and Friends of La.'s Incarcerated Children, or his designee.
- (12) Two people formerly incarcerated in a La. secure care facility, appointed by La. Youth Justice Coalition.
- (13) Two parents of children currently or formerly incarcerated in a La. secure care facility, appointed by the executive director of Justice for Families.
- (14) Two people working as juvenile justice specialists in secure care facilities, appointed by the chairman of the task force.
- (15) The managing attorney for the Louisiana Southern Poverty Law Center, or his designee.
- (16) The La. Legislative Auditor, or his designee.
- (17) The president of the Senate, or his designee.

(18) The speaker of the House of Representatives, or his designee.

(19) The governor, or his designee.

Provides that members shall serve without compensation or reimbursement of expenses, other than what may be afforded by their appointing authority. Legislative members of the council shall receive the same per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses as is provided for legislative committee meetings under the rules of the respective house in which they serve.