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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Creates a task force to study workplace violence and employee injuries at Pinecrest Supports and Services Center.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To create and provide for the Pinecrest Workplace Violence and Employee Injury Task
3	Force to study the problems relative to workplace violence and employee injury at
4	Pinecrest Supports and Services Center and to recommend any action or legislation
5	that the task force deems necessary and appropriate.
6	WHEREAS, the Pinecrest Supports and Services Center in Pineville, Louisiana, is
7	a medical facility operated within the Louisiana Department of Health whose mission is to
8	support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to reach treatment goals and
9	to return to more integrated community living settings; Pinecrest Supports and Services
10	Center specializes in the treatment of people with comorbid intellectual and developmental
11	disabilities and complex medical, behavioral, and psychiatric support needs; and
12	WHEREAS, from February 2016 through February 2017, the staff of Pinecrest
13	Supports and Services Center reported five hundred and twenty-four incidents of employee
14	injuries, including one hundred and ninety-six staff members being punched and sixty-five
15	staff members scratched, and fifty-seven percent of the assaults required the injured
16	employees to seek medical treatment; and
17	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana incidents' rate of occupational injuries and
18	illnesses in hospitals was approximately 5.2 injuries for every ten thousand workers and

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1	Louisiana's private industry rate of occupational injuries was approximately 4.4 injuries for
2	every ten thousand workers during the year 2016; and
3	WHEREAS, in 2016, eighteen Louisiana workers were victims of workplace
4	violence that resulted in fatal injuries; and
5	WHEREAS, workplace violence was the second most reported source of fatal
6	injuries in the workplace in the year 2016; and
7	WHEREAS, occupational injuries, due to violent and nonviolent events, results in
8	an undue economic burden on employees, employers, and taxpayers; and
9	WHEREAS, it is urgent that the state of Louisiana take action to end workplace
10	violence at Pinecrest Supports and Services Center and make efforts to control hazardous
11	conditions.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13	create the Pinecrest Workplace Violence and Employee Injury Task Force to study the
14	problems relative to workplace violence and employee injury at Pinecrest Supports and
15	Services Center and to recommend any action or legislation that the task force deems
16	necessary and appropriate.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force created herein shall consist of the
18	following six members:
19	(1) The chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, or another member
20	of the committee designated by the chair.
21	(2) The chair of the House Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations, or another
22	member of the committee designated by the chair.
23	(3) The secretary of the Department of Health, or his designee.
24	(4)The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or his designee.
25	(5) The attorney general, or his designee.
26	(6) The executive director of the American Federation of State, County, and
27	Municipal Employees Council Seventeen, or his designee.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conducting the study, the task force shall
29	study current law, regulations, policies, and efforts at Pinecrest Supports and Services Center
30	to prevent workplace violence and employee injury.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve 1 2 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be 3 individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall 4 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall 5 6 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may conduct such meetings at 8 such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and 9 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution. 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make a report of its findings 12 and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, to the legislature 13 no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on March 8, 2019.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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Provides for the task force membership and its powers and duties.