

2020 First Extraordinary Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR FIELDS

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Establishes the Police Training, Screening, and De-esclation Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To establish the Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature.

WHEREAS, the recent killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, and a series of other similar acts, has focused public discourse on the causes of police brutality and the use of excessive force, especially when used against people of color; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2016 study published by the *American Journal of Health*, black men are three times more likely than white men to be killed by police intervention; and

WHEREAS, in order to propose legislation to address the disparate treatment of people of color by law enforcement agencies, a task force composed of legislative, administrative, law enforcement, academic, and racial justice leaders must be created.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a Police Training, Screening, and De-escalation Task Force to study and make recommendations to the legislature on the topics, among others, of training, screening, de-escalation, racial bias recognition, misconduct, duty to report misconduct, penalties, use of force, identifying and eliminating bad actors, and any other recommendations the task force deems necessary to restore the public's trust that the law enforcement community is serving and protecting all the citizens of Louisiana in a fair and unbiased manner.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be comprised of the  
2 following members:

3 (1) The president of the Louisiana Senate, or his designee who shall be a member of  
4 the Louisiana Senate.

5 (2) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee who shall  
6 be a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

7 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, or his designee who shall  
8 be a member of the committee.

9 (4) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, or his designee who shall  
10 be a member of the committee.

11 (5) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or  
12 his designee who shall be a member of the committee.

13 (6) The chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, or his designee who shall  
14 be a member of the committee.

15 (7) The attorney general, or his designee who shall be an employee of the  
16 Department of Justice.

17 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement, or his  
18 designee.

19 (9) One peace officer appointed by the governor from a list of four names jointly  
20 submitted by the presidents of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police and the Louisiana  
21 Union of Police Association.

22 (10) One member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored  
23 People Louisiana State Conference appointed by its president.

24 (11) One member of the Urban League of Louisiana appointed by its president.

25 (12) One member of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys  
26 appointed by its president.

27 (13) One law school professor appointed by the governor from a list of four names  
28 jointly submitted by the dean of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, the chancellor of the  
29 Southern University Law Center, the dean of the Tulane University Law School, and the  
30 dean of the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law.

1           (14) One professor of criminal law selected by the president of the Southern  
2 University system.

3           (15) One professor of social work selected by the president of the Louisiana State  
4 University system.

5           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall  
6 constitute a quorum of the task force and that any official action by the task force shall  
7 require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial meeting of the task force shall be  
9 called by the president of the Louisiana Senate. At the first meeting, the task force shall elect  
10 a chair. The first meeting shall take place no later than August 15, 2020. The Louisiana  
11 Senate shall provide staff support.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of this task force shall serve without  
13 compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually  
14 entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the meetings of the task force shall take place  
16 at the Louisiana State Capitol, or upon a majority vote of the members such meetings may  
17 be conducted by video conference where circumstances necessitate meeting in that manner.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet as necessary and shall  
19 report its findings to the legislature not later than February 1, 2021, and shall terminate upon  
20 the date of such report or February 1, 2021, whichever occurs first.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 governor, the attorney general, the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law  
23 Enforcement, the president of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police, the president of the  
24 Louisiana Union of Police Association, the president of the National Association for the  
25 Advancement of Colored People Louisiana State Conference, the president of the Urban  
26 League of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense  
27 Attorneys, the dean of the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center, the chancellor of the Southern  
28 University Law Center, the dean of the Tulane University Law School, the dean of the  
29 Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, the president of the Southern University  
30 system, and the president of the Louisiana State University system.

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