

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 180

BY SENATOR MIZELL

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Creates Task Force on Human Trafficking Arrests.

A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Human Trafficking Arrests.

WHEREAS, according to the January 2021 annual report on Human Trafficking, Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes, and Commercial Sexual Exploitation, there were more than seven hundred victims reported to the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, despite the high number of reported victims, there have been few arrests of human traffickers and even fewer convictions in the same time period.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Human Trafficking Arrests to study the disconnect between the number of victims and the number of arrests of traffickers, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) The senator for District 12, who shall serve as chairperson.

(2) A representative from the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers,

1 appointed by the executive director.

2 (3) A member of the sex crimes division of Louisiana State Police, appointed by the  
3 superintendent.

4 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his  
5 designee.

6 (5) A representative of the Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission,  
7 appointed by the governor.

8 (6) The director of Caddo Parish Juvenile Services.

9 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the  
10 executive director.

11 (8) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by  
12 the president of the organization.

13 (9) A member of the Louisiana District Judges Association, appointed by the  
14 president of the organization.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the  
16 names of designees to the task force to the chairperson no later than August 1, 2022.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no  
18 later than September 1, 2022, at the call of the chairperson, and at the first meeting the  
19 members shall elect other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive staff support from  
21 one or more of the entities from which the task force membership is designated or appointed,  
22 at the discretion of the task force members.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study, the task force will seek  
24 input and advice from the following:

25 (1) Dallas City Police, high-risk victims trafficking squad.

26 (2) Florida Highway Patrol, trafficking division.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a  
28 quorum for the transaction of business, and all official actions of the task force shall require  
29 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve

1 without compensation, except per diem or expenses reimbursement to which they may be  
2 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the  
4 submission of its report or February 1, 2023, whichever occurs first.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to  
6 Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers, Louisiana State Police, Louisiana  
7 District Attorneys Association, Louisiana Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, the  
8 director of Caddo Parish Juvenile Services, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the  
9 Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Louisiana District Judges Association.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Whitney Kauffeld.

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	DIGEST	
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Establishes the Task Force on Human Trafficking Arrests to study the gap between the high number of trafficking victims seeking services and the low number of trafficking arrests and prosecutions, and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation.

Provides that the task force consists of the following members:

- (1) The senator for District 12, who will serve as chairperson.
- (2) A representative from the La. Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers, appointed by the executive director.
- (3) A member of the sex crimes division of La. State Police, appointed by the superintendent.
- (4) The executive director of the La. District Attorneys Association, or his designee.
- (5) A representative of the La. Human Trafficking Prevention Commission, appointed by the governor.
- (6) The director of Caddo Parish Juvenile Services.
- (7) A representative of the La. Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the executive director.
- (8) A representative of the La. Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by the president of the organization.
- (9) A member of the La. District Judges Association, appointed by the president of the organization.

Provides that the task force make a written report of its findings and recommendations by February 1, 2023.