

1 WHEREAS, on November 1, 2017, the state of Louisiana released one thousand nine
2 hundred forty-eight offenders early as the direct result of these criminal justice reforms; and

3 WHEREAS, there has been little appreciable reduction in recidivism in spite of the
4 revocation obstacles, the removal of the seventeen-year-old population from the criminal
5 justice system, and the substantial amounts dedicated to reducing recidivism; and

6 WHEREAS, juvenile crime and particularly violent juvenile crime have negatively
7 impacted public safety and endangered our communities at an alarming rate; and

8 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has experienced a rapid and significant rise in
9 violent crime and homicides since these criminal justice reforms.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create the Louisiana Violent Crime Task Force to study
12 and evaluate recent legislative reforms to the Louisiana criminal justice system and the
13 effects of such reforms on public safety and crime in Louisiana and to propose future
14 legislation to address and improve public safety and reduce crime in Louisiana.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Violent Crime Task Force shall
16 be composed of the following members:

17 (1) The attorney general of Louisiana, or his designee, who shall serve as chairman.

18 (2) An elected member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker
19 from a list of names submitted by the attorney general of Louisiana.

20 (3) An elected member of the Senate, appointed by the president from a list of names
21 submitted by the attorney general of Louisiana.

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

24 (5) An elected member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker
25 from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

26 (6) An elected member of the Senate, appointed by the president from a list of names
27 submitted by the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

28 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.

29 (8) An elected member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker
30 from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

1 (9) An elected member of the Senate, appointed by the president from a list of names
2 submitted by the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

3 (9) The state public defender, or his designee.

4 (10) An elected member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker
5 from a list of names submitted by the state public defender.

6 (11) An elected member of the Senate, appointed by the president from a list of
7 names submitted by the state public defender.

8 (12) An elected member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker
9 from a list of names submitted by the clerks of Caddo Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and
10 Orleans Parish.

11 (13) An elected member of the Senate, appointed by the president from a list of
12 names submitted by the clerks of Caddo Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Orleans
13 Parish.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force
15 shall constitute a quorum. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair or upon an
16 affirmative vote of a majority of the members. All members shall be notified in writing of
17 all meetings at least five days before the date on which a meeting of the task force is
18 scheduled.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties of the task force shall include, but not
20 be limited to, all of the following:

21 (1) Gather and evaluate data and information from relevant stakeholders regarding
22 the various aspects of the criminal justice system in Louisiana before and after the criminal
23 justice reforms, including arrests, charges, prosecutions, sentences, probation and parole
24 activity, incarceration, and recidivism.

25 (2) Evaluate and develop a plan of action to address areas of concern identified
26 through the gathering and evaluation of criminal justice data and information.

27 (3) Recommend any legislation necessary for the 2024 Regular Session of the
28 Legislature to accomplish all identified goals of true criminal justice reform that reduces
29 crime and recidivism in Louisiana while improving public safety and strengthening our
30 communities.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may request and collect relevant
2 and necessary data and information to accomplish its purposes from any and all state and
3 local government agencies, including courts.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the entities from which such information and
5 data is requested may, to the extent feasible, provide such information and data to the task
6 force at no cost.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of the attorney general shall provide
8 staff support to the task force.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a report
10 of its findings and policy recommendations to the speaker of the House of Representatives
11 and the president of the Senate no later than December 31, 2023, and any further reports or
12 recommendations thereafter as requested by the legislature or as advised by the task force.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each
14 of the task force members and the appointing entities provided in this Resolution.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any
16 report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter
17 Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

DIGEST

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Creates the La. Violent Crime Task Force to study and evaluate recent legislative reforms to the La. criminal justice system and to report its findings to the legislature no later than Dec. 31, 2023.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Add a member of the House of Representatives to the task force, appointed by the speaker from a list of names submitted by the clerks of Caddo Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Orleans Parish.
2. Add a member of the Senate to the task force, appointed by the president from a list of names submitted by the clerks of Caddo Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, and Orleans Parish.