

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Engrossed House Concurrent Resolution No. 67 by Representative Butler

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete line 2 and insert the following:

3 "To create the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD) Acute Care and Crisis
4 Response Task Force to study, in conjunction with the Louisiana Department of
5 Health, gaps in acute care"

6 AMENDMENT NO. 2

7 On page 3, delete lines 17 and 18 and insert the following:

8 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create
9 the "IDD Acute Care and Crisis Response Task Force" to study acute healthcare access,
10 crisis stabilization services, care coordination, and emergency response systems for
11 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to develop
12 recommendations, together with any proposals for legislation, necessary to improve
13 healthcare outcomes and continuity of care for such individuals.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
15 provide staffing and administrative support for the task force.

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

- 18 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee.
- 19 (2) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities,
20 or his designee.
- 21 (3) The director of the Louisiana Medicaid program, or his designee.
- 22 (4) One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
23 House of Representatives.
- 24 (5) One representative of a hospital system that provides acute care services to
25 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 26 (6) One physician with experience treating individuals with intellectual and
27 developmental disabilities.
- 28 (7) One representative from a behavioral health provider organization, appointed by
29 the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 30 (8) Two family advocates of individuals with intellectual and developmental
31 disabilities, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 32 (9) Two representatives of a community-based provider organization serving
33 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, appointed by the speaker of the
34 House of Representatives.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at least quarterly and
36 shall evaluate all of the following:

- 37 (1) Gaps in acute healthcare access and crisis stabilization services for individuals
38 with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 39 (2) Emergency room utilization patterns, discharge barriers, and avoidable
40 hospitalizations involving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- 41 (3) Workforce shortages affecting continuity of care and access to specialized
42 healthcare services.
- 43 (4) The availability of specialized treatment programs, crisis response resources, and
44 transitional care options.
- 45 (5) Opportunities for regional pilot programs, coordinated care models, and
46 partnerships between healthcare providers, behavioral health organizations, and
47 community-based providers.
- 48 (6) Medicaid reimbursement policies and other financial or administrative barriers
49 impacting service delivery and continuity of care.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the members of the task force shall
2 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall
3 require the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules of Order of the House of
5 Representatives and applicable Joint Rules shall apply to all meetings of the task force.

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

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that meetings of the task force shall be subject to the
10 Open Meetings Law, R.S. 42:11 et seq., and records of the task force shall be subject to the
11 Public Records Law, R.S. 44:1 et seq.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of
13 its findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the legislature and to the
14 David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772 no later
15 than January 15, 2027.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate following the
17 conclusion of its business or January 30, 2027, whichever occurs first.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all state agencies, departments, and offices shall
19 cooperate with the task force and provide available data, information, and assistance
20 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, assistant secretary of the office for citizens
23 with developmental disabilities, and the director of the Louisiana Medicaid program."