

1 WHEREAS, the work of the task force was continued by the Legislature of Louisiana
2 through house concurrent resolutions in the 2004, 2005, 2007, and 2012 Regular Sessions
3 of the Legislature; and

4 WHEREAS, the provisions of Act Nos. 301, 321, and 664 of the 2004 Regular
5 Session of the Legislature and Act No. 271 of the 2006 Regular Session of the Legislature
6 were drafted from recommendations developed by the task force; and

7 WHEREAS, the task force has met frequently since its inception, bringing together
8 key stakeholders in the child protection system who have contributed greatly to its work,
9 helping shape and realize the vision of a more effective and efficient system of providing
10 legal representation in child protection cases; and

11 WHEREAS, the implementation of recommendations issued to date by this task force
12 has constructed a uniform statewide system of legal representation in child protection cases
13 which emphasizes quality representation provided in an efficient manner.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 continue the Task Force on Legal Representation in Child Protection Cases through final
16 adjournment of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana in order to
17 formalize and institutionalize an effective and efficient uniform system of representation in
18 child protection cases.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall continue
20 as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 5 of the 2012 Regular Session of the
21 Legislature.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall perform the following tasks:

23 (1) Analyze the structure and functioning of children's representation, including
24 funding, management, and quality assurance, and the efficacy of centralization.

25 (2) Analyze the structure and functioning of parent representation, including
26 funding, management, and quality assurance.

27 (3) Consider potential changes to existing law, policy, procedure, data collection,
28 and reporting prompted by such analysis.

29 (4) Refer prospective amendments to law to the Children's Code Committee of the
30 Louisiana State Law Institute.

1 (5) Make recommendations to ensure the permanence of a uniform statewide system
2 of legal representation in child protection cases.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make its final report to the
4 House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure and the Senate Committee on Judiciary A
5 prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the final implementation phase of the task force
7 shall be chaired by a member of the Louisiana Legislature.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the chief justice of the
10 Louisiana Supreme Court, and the president of the Louisiana State Bar Association.

DIGEST

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