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SCR No. 118

Creates the Louisiana Domestic Violence Prevention Commission to:

- (1) Assist local and state leaders in developing and coordinating domestic violence programs.
- (2) Conduct a continuing comprehensive review of all existing public and private domestic violence programs to identify gaps in prevention and intervention services and to increase coordination among public and private programs to strengthen prevention and intervention services.
- (3) Make recommendations with respect to domestic violence prevention and intervention.
- (4) Develop a state needs assessment and a comprehensive and integrated service delivery approach that meets the needs of all domestic violence victims.
- (5) Establish a method to transition domestic violence service providers toward evidence-based national best practices focusing on outreach and prevention.
- (6) Develop a plan that ensures state laws on domestic violence are properly implemented and provides training to law enforcement and the judiciary.
- (7) Develop a framework to collect and integrate data and measure program outcomes.

Provides that the commission shall be composed of 18 members as follows:

- (1) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association or his designee.
- (2) The executive director of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence or his designee.
- (3) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association or his designee.
- (4) The executive director of the New Orleans Family Justice Center or his designee.
- (5) The chair of the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus or her designee.
- (6) The chairman of the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice or his designee.

- (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B or his designee.
- (8) One district court judge with experience in criminal law matters, selected by the president of the Louisiana District Court Judges Association.
- (9) One district court judge with experience in family law matters, selected by the president of the Louisiana District Court Judges Association.
- (10) The president of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association or his designee.
- (11) One representative of the Department of Justice, office of the attorney general or his designee.
- (12) The executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Criminal Justice or his designee.
- (13) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (14) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.
- (15) One representative of the Louisiana Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers or his designee.
- (16) One representative of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or his designee.
- (17) One attorney licensed to practice law in this state who has at least five years experience in representing victims of domestic violence who seek protective orders appointed by the governor.
- (18) The executive director of a shelter-based or direct service program provider for victims of domestic violence appointed by the governor.

Provides that:

- (1) The commission shall select one of the commission members to serve as chairman and another member shall be selected by the commission members as secretary.
- (2) Members of the commission shall serve for a term concurrent with that of the governor.
- (3) Commission members shall serve without compensation or per diem, except that legislative members of the commission shall receive the same per diem and reimbursement of travel expenses as is provided for legislative committees under the rules of the respective house.

- (4) The commission shall hold public meetings quarterly except as otherwise provided by vote of the commission or by order of the chairman.
- (5) A majority of the commission membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (6) The commission may establish subcommittees within the commission and appoint members to those subcommittees, including persons outside of the commission membership, as it deems necessary and appropriate to accomplish its goals.
- (7) The Department of Children and Family Services shall provide to the commission such clerical, administrative, and technical assistance and support as may be necessary to enable the commission to accomplish its goals.

Requires that the commission annually issue a report of its findings and recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the president of the Senate, with its initial report being submitted on or before February 1, 2015, and no later than the first day of February each year thereafter. Provides that the report may include any recommendations for legislation that it deems necessary and appropriate provided that legislation may only be recommended by the commission upon approval by a two-thirds vote of the commission members present.