



1 2014 Regular Session approved Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 69, which is to be  
2 continued and provided for herein; and

3 WHEREAS, in establishing this task force in 2014, the legislature signaled its  
4 support of legislation similar to "Erin's Law" in Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, in the effort to encourage those involved in the prevention of sexual  
6 abuse of children and to inspire a genuine effort to protect children in the state of Louisiana,  
7 this task force is an important vehicle for focusing the attention of the legislature, state  
8 government, and the public on the difficult issue of the sexual abuse of children; and

9 WHEREAS, the work of this task force should be continued in order to fulfill its  
10 original mandate to provide a road map guiding Louisiana toward eventual elimination of  
11 the sexual abuse of children in our state; and

12 WHEREAS, the importance of this task force cannot be overstated and each entity  
13 that is charged to nominate a member of this group is urged to consider the magnitude of the  
14 job the task force is to undertake and to measure their commitment to this task force  
15 accordingly.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17 continue until 2017 the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children within  
18 the Department of Children and Family Services, which shall provide staff for this important  
19 undertaking, incorporating the amendments contained herein.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall continue,  
21 except as the following list varies from the membership list provided in Senate Concurrent  
22 Resolution No. 69 of the 2014 Regular Session:

23 (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

24 (2) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the  
25 House of Representatives.

26 (3) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his  
27 designee.

28 (4) The state Superintendent of Education, or his designee.

29 (5) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, or his designee.

30 (6) The Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Centers of Louisiana

1 Association, or his designee.

2 (7) One representative of an organization representing law enforcement, appointed  
3 by the superintendent of state police.

4 (8) One representative of a statewide professional teachers' organization, appointed  
5 by the head of the Louisiana Association of Educators.

6 (9) One representative of a different statewide professional teachers' organization,  
7 appointed by the head of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

8 (10) One representative of an organization involved in the prevention of child abuse  
9 in the state, appointed by the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

10 (11) One representative of an organization representing school management in this  
11 state, appointed by the head of the Louisiana Association of School Board Executives.

12 (12) Two members of the public appointed by the president of the Senate.

13 (13) Two members of the public appointed by the speaker of the House of  
14 Representatives.

15 (14) The child welfare program director from the Department of Children and  
16 Family Services, or his designee.

17 (15) The Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers,  
18 Louisiana Chapter, or his designee.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force should be individuals  
20 who are actively involved in the fields of the prevention of child abuse and neglect and child  
21 welfare. The appointment of members should reflect the geographic and racial diversity of  
22 the state.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first meeting of the task force shall be called  
24 by the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services to be held on or before  
25 September 1, 2015.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at the first meeting of the task force, a presiding  
27 officer shall be elected by a majority vote of the membership. Thereafter, the task force shall  
28 meet at the call of the presiding officer.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall make recommendations for  
30 reducing child abuse in Louisiana. In making those recommendations, the task force shall:

