

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

HOMELAND SECURITY: Creates a task force to study the impact of illegal immigration on Louisiana taxpayers

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a task force to study, identify, analyze, recommend, and report on the fiscal,
3 medical, nutritional, educational, judicial, criminal, penal, and economic impact of
4 illegal immigration on the state of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study is needed in the state of Louisiana to inform
6 policymakers and citizens alike concerning the effects of illegal immigration, so that useful
7 and critical information may be produced to guide and direct the efforts of the state's private
8 and public sectors in addressing this issue in order to secure the trust and confidence of our
9 citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, recent closures of Louisiana hospitals have reportedly been prompted
11 by uncompensated use of these institutions by individuals illegally present in the United
12 States; and

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study, identify, analyze,
15 recommend, and report on the fiscal, medical nutritional, educational, judicial, criminal,
16 penal, and economic impact of illegal immigration on the state of Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall obtain information, and shall
18 have the power of subpoena to obtain such information from the Department of Health and
19 Hospitals, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education,
20 the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the Department of Corrections, and any other state

1 agencies deemed appropriate, and the appropriate state and local law enforcement officials,
2 all of whom shall cooperate with the task force in their requests for information.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
4 following members:

5 (1) A member of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the speaker.

6 (2) A member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

7 (3) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association or his designee.

8 (4) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.

9 (5) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police or his designee.

10 (6) A representative from the Center for Security Policy.

11 (7) A representative from the Eagle Forum.

12 (8) A representative from the Louisiana Hospital Association.

13 (9) A representative from the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

14 (10) A representative from the United States Immigration and Customs
15 Enforcement, New Orleans field office.

16 (11) A judge or justice of the state of Louisiana's judiciary appointed by the chief
17 justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

18 (12) A representative from the Louisiana District Attorney's Association.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
20 without compensation. The task force shall meet no less than two times at the call of the
21 chairperson or upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the task force. All members must
22 be notified in writing of all meetings at least eleven days before the date on which a meeting
23 of the task force is scheduled. A majority of the membership of the task force shall
24 constitute a quorum, which shall elect the chairman of the task force at its first meeting.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair shall call an initial meeting of the task
26 force no later than October 1, 2015, and hold meetings at the times and in the places it may
27 deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its charge.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a final
29 report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the
30 task force to the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairman

1 of the House Committee on Judiciary not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of the
2 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be abolished upon
4 submission of the report.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution reaffirms the Louisiana
6 Legislature's commitment to policy solutions relative to their fiscal impact on this state and
7 its taxpayers.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 state departments and appointing entities named in this Resolution.

DIGEST

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