

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE HODGES

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, recent closures of Louisiana hospitals have reportedly been prompted by uncompensated use of these institutions by individuals illegally present in the United States.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall obtain information, and shall have the power of subpoena to obtain such information from the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the Department of Corrections, and any other state agencies deemed appropriate, and the appropriate state and local law enforcement officials, all of whom shall cooperate with the task force in their requests for information.

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

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

- (2) A member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.
- (3) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association or his designee.
- (4) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.
- (5) The superintendent of Louisiana State Police or his designee.
- (6) A representative from the Center for Security Policy.
- (7) A representative from the Eagle Forum.
- (8) A representative from the Louisiana Hospital Association.
- (9) A representative from the National Federation of Independent Businesses.
- (10) A representative from the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, New Orleans field office.
- (11) A judge or justice of the state of Louisiana's judiciary appointed by the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court.
- (12) A representative from the Louisiana District Attorney's Association.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit a final report that contains a detailed statement of the findings and policy recommendations of the task force to the governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES