



1           WHEREAS, the implementation of this program can significantly impact families  
2 in need of services while diverting such families from costly programs like child welfare  
3 interventions, the juvenile justice system, and lessening their dependence on social benefit  
4 programs; and

5           WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Louisiana Legislature to propose rules and  
6 regulations to utilize state funds for programs that pour into local communities and ensure  
7 the safety of Louisiana citizens.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9 create a task force to support the cross-agency work associated with the creation of the Early  
10 Childhood Supports and Services program in Louisiana and to hold the Louisiana  
11 Department of Health accountable for the responsible and timely development and delivery  
12 of the program.

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall initially consist of the  
14 following members:

15           (1) The professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Public Health Head, Division of  
16 Pediatric Mental Health, from the Louisiana State University Health School of Medicine or  
17 his designee.

18           (2) The director of the Tulane Medical School Institute of Infant and Early  
19 Childhood Mental Health or his designee.

20           (3) The assistant secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, office of  
21 behavioral health, or his designee.

22           (4) The assistant program manager for Early Steps, Louisiana Department of Health,  
23 office of citizens with developmental disabilities, or his designee.

24           (5) The assistant secretary of Family Support, Department of Children and Family  
25 Services, or his designee.

26           (6) The deputy commissioner of the division of administration or his designee.

27           (7) The executive director of TrainingGrounds, Inc. or his designee.

28           (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families  
29 or his designee.

1           (9) The executive director of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children or his  
2 designee.

3           (10) A representative from the Moms of Black Boys United for Social Change.

4           (11) A representative from the Early Childhood Systems, office of the governor, or  
5 his designee.

6           (12) The president of the Louisiana Senate or his designee.

7           (13) The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representative or his designee.

8           (14) An appointee from the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall  
10 provide staff to support the task force required by this Resolution and designate a chair at  
11 its first meeting.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its progress to the  
13 Louisiana Legislature.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the task force  
15 shall submit to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare and the David R.  
16 Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report of its findings and recommendations.

17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
18 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and  
19 Public Health Head, Division of Pediatric Mental Health, from the Louisiana State  
20 University Health School of Medicine, the executive director of the Tulane Medical School  
21 Institute for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, the assistant secretary of the  
22 Louisiana Department of Health, office of behavioral health, the assistant program manager  
23 for Early Steps, Louisiana Department of Health, office of citizens with developmental  
24 disabilities, the assistant secretary of Family Support, Department of Children and Family  
25 Services, the deputy commissioner of the division of administration, the executive director  
26 of TrainingGrounds, Inc., the executive director of the Louisiana Partnership for Children  
27 and Families, the executive director of the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, Moms of  
28 Black Boys United for Social Change, Early Childhood Systems, office of the governor, and  
29 the Children's Cabinet Advisory Board.

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