

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide for the Louisiana Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the requirements for implementation and development of best procedures for the use of body cameras and policies for access to and use of body camera recordings by law enforcement agencies in this state, and to provide for a written report of its recommendations and findings not later than sixty days prior to the 2018 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Law Enforcement Body Camera Task Force was created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 180 of the 2015 Regular Session, again created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 59 of the 2016 Regular Session, and is being continued by this Resolution to complete its work; and

WHEREAS, in order to safeguard the public and peace officers of this state, it is vital for local peace officers and the communities they protect to have strong, collaborative relationships; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the use of body cameras by all law enforcement agencies will assist in the documentation of evidence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the Louisiana Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the requirements for implementation and development of best procedures for the use of body cameras and rules for access to and use of body camera recordings by law enforcement agencies in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force shall consist of thirteen members and be composed of the following:

- (1) The chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
- (2) The chair of the House Committee on Judiciary.

- (3) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.
- (4) The chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B.
- (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association or his designee.
- (6) The president of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police or his designee.
- (7) The president of the Louisiana Fraternal Order of Police or his designee.
- (8) Two people appointed by the president of the Senate.
- (9) Two people appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (10) The president of the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters or his designee.
- (11) The president of the Louisiana Press Association or his designee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all appointments to the task force made pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution No. 180 of 2015 shall continue to serve on the task force, except as provided herein. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the membership of the task force shall constitute a quorum and shall elect the chair of the task force at its first meeting. The task force shall meet at the call of the chair or upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the task force. All members must be notified in writing of all meetings at least five days before the date on which a meeting of the task force is scheduled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chair shall call a meeting of the task force no later than October 1, 2017, and hold meetings at the times and in the places it may deem appropriate and necessary to fulfill its charge. The task force shall be entitled to call its assistance and avail itself of the services of the employees of any state or municipal department, agency, or board as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet no less than two times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may seek the advice of experts, such as persons specializing in the fields of criminology, psychology, education, criminal or family law, or other related fields as deemed appropriate by the membership of the task force.

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 president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, the chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, and the chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana and that such recommendations shall include but not be limited to those relative to the following:

(1) General guidelines for the proper use, maintenance, and storage of body cameras, which shall include recommendations on procedures for when the body camera shall be in recording mode.

(2) Any limitations on the situations in which peace officers are permitted to wear body cameras.

(3) General guidelines for the proper storage, retention, and release of audio and video data recorded by body cameras.

(4) General guidelines regarding the law enforcement training relative to each law enforcement agency's policies and procedures on the use of body cameras.

(5) Legislation needed, if any, to authorize the use of body cameras by peace officers in this state.

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES