

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SCR 31

2017 Regular Session

White

June 8, 2017

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 31 by Senator White, recommend the following concerning the Original resolution:

1. That all of the House Committee Amendments proposed by the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 1, 2017, be rejected.
2. That the House Floor Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 proposed by Representative Marcelle and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 7, 2017, be adopted.
3. That the House Floor Amendment No. 2 proposed by Representative Marcelle and adopted by the House of Representatives on June 7, 2017, be rejected.
4. That the following amendments to the original resolution be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, at the end of line 5, change "twenty-one" to "thirteen"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 30, insert the following:

"(10) The president of the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters or his designee.

(11) The president of the Louisiana Press Association or his designee."

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

Senator Mack "Bodi" White, Jr.

Representative Sherman Mack

Senator Dan Claitor

Representative Valarie Hodges

Senator Eddie Lambert

Representative C. Denise Marcelle

The legislative instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. W. Wiley.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Provides for the Louisiana Law Enforcement Body Camera Implementation Task Force.

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Add the following members to the task force: chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, two people appointed by the president of the Senate, and two people appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. Remove certain members from the task force.
3. Add the House Committee on Judiciary, and the Senate Committee on Judiciary B to list of individuals to receive the final report.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Changed the composition of membership on the task force based on committee amendments.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Reduce the task force to 13 members.
2. Reinstate the president of the La. Assoc. of Broadcasters, and the president of the La. Press Assoc. to the task force.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Continues the La. 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 the body cameras and rules for access to and use of body camera recordings by law enforcement agencies in this state.

Provides that this task force will consist of 13 members and be composed of the following:

- (1) Chair of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice.
- (2) Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary.
- (3) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C.
- (4) Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B.
- (5) Executive director of the La. Sheriff's Association or his designee.
- (6) President of the La. 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) President of the La. Association of Broadcasters or his designee.
- (11) President of the La. Press Association or his designee.

Provides that all appointments to the task force made pursuant to HCR 180 of the 2015 RS 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.

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

Requires that the chair 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.

Provides that the task force shall meet no less than two times.

Provides 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.

Requires that the task force 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 Senate president, the House speaker, the chair of the House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, the chair of the House Committee on Judiciary, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the chief justice of the La. Supreme Court not later than 60 days prior to the 2018 Regular Session, which 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.

Provides that the task force is abolished upon submission of the report.