

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**SCR 41**

**2019 Regular Session**

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Creates the Law Enforcement Officer PTSD Study Commission to study the short-term and long-term effects of post traumatic stress disorder on law enforcement officers and to recommend any action or legislation that the commission deems necessary or appropriate.

The commission will consist of the following members:

- (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, or his designee.
- (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or his designee.
- (3) Two sheriffs selected by the La. Sheriffs' Association, or their designees.
- (4) Two chiefs of police selected by the La. Association of Chiefs of Police, or their designees.
- (5) Two persons selected by the La. Fraternal Order of Police, or their designees.
- (6) A person selected by the La. Municipal Association, or his designee.
- (7) A psychologist selected by the La. Psychological Association, or his designee.
- (8) A psychiatrist selected by the La. Psychiatric Medical Association, or his designee.
- (9) A physician selected by the La. Academy of Family Physicians, or his designee.
- (10) A person selected by the Ochsner Health System, or his designee.
- (11) A person selected by the Louisiana State Police, or his designee.
- (12) A person selected by Tulane University, or his designee.

Provides that in conducting such study, the commission is to review causes of PTSD among law enforcement officers in Louisiana and identify the estimated prevalence of PTSD among law enforcement officers in Louisiana. Further provides that the commission is to identify and analyze methods, practices, and programs to prevent and treat PTSD in police officers. Further provides that the commission is to make recommendations for which methods, practices, and programs, including existing programs in the state, are most effective in preventing and treating PTSD in law enforcement officers.

Provides that selection of members to the commission are to be made and submitted to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C within 60 days after adjournment of the 2019 Regular Session. Further provides that vacancies are to be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. The members of the task force are to serve without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be individually entitled as members of the constituent organizations.

Provides that a majority of the total membership constitutes a quorum of the commission, and any official action by the commission requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

Provides that the commission may conduct such meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution. Further provides that the first meeting of the commission is to be held by 9/1/19 at the call of the chairman of the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, at which meeting its members are to elect from the membership a chairperson and vice chairperson, and such other officers as the commission may deem advisable.

Provides that if the commission makes a report of its findings and recommendations with suggestions for proposed legislation, if any, then the report is to be made to the legislature no later than 1/9/20.

Provides that the commission terminates on 1/10/20.