

1 WHEREAS, postsecondary education students should be confident that they are
2 being exposed to the spectrum of viewpoints, including those that are dissenting; that they
3 are graded solely on the basis of their reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge; and that
4 faculty members are not using their courses for the purposes of political, ideological,
5 religious, or antireligious indoctrination; and

6 WHEREAS, just as thoughts on academic freedom on other topics are premised on
7 the ideas that knowledge is a never-ending pursuit of truth, that there is no truth that is not
8 in principle open to challenge and change, and that no party or intellectual faction has a
9 monopoly on wisdom, the role of tenure policy in postsecondary education should be
10 routinely reviewed and discussed.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 establish and provide for the Task Force on Tenure in Public Postsecondary Education to
13 perform an in-depth review of the merits of and need for tenure, to study public
14 postsecondary tenure policies, and to propose any recommendations regarding tenure
15 policies, including any specific proposals for legislation, by written report to the legislature
16 and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and
17 772, no later than March 1, 2023.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consist of the following
19 members:

20 (1) The president of the Senate or his designee, who shall serve as the chairman of
21 the task force.

22 (2) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

23 (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or his designee.

24 (4) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or his designee.

25 (5) Three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.

26 (6) Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
27 House of Representatives.

28 (7) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

29 (8) The president of each public postsecondary education management board or his
30 designee.

1 (9) A faculty representative from each public postsecondary education management
2 board, selected by the presidents of the faculty senates of each management boards' member
3 institutions.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
5 names of designees to the task force to the secretary of the Senate no later than July 15,
6 2022.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than August 1, 2022, the chairman of
8 the task force shall convene the first meeting of the task force. At the first meeting, the
9 members may elect a vice chairman and other officers as the task force deems appropriate.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
11 quorum for the transaction of business. All official actions of the task force shall require the
12 affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve
14 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
15 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the
17 submission of its report or March 1, 2023, whichever occurs first.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
19 commissioner of higher education, the president of each public postsecondary education
20 management board, and the president of the Association of Louisiana Faculty Senates.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Creates the Task Force on Tenure in Public Postsecondary Education to study the policies on tenure and to submit a report to the legislature by March 1, 2023, on its findings and recommendations.

Provides for the organization of the task force and its membership.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Adds additional members to the task force.