

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 128

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A RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the Task Force on Workers' Compensation.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state to ensure that Louisiana maintains a robust and vibrant market for employers to obtain workers' compensation insurance; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state that the workers' compensation system ensures that injured workers can obtain the appropriate medical care in order to return to the workforce; and

WHEREAS, a robust and vibrant system requires an appropriate balance between ensuring that there are an adequate number of healthcare providers to provide health care to injured workers while mitigating unnecessary expenses for employers providing workers' compensation insurance; and

WHEREAS, striking an appropriate balance is a function of maintaining a medical fee schedule that provides greater certainty for the cost of medical care and remains updated on a regular basis while also minimizing unnecessary administrative and legal burdens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Workers' Compensation to study the workers' compensation framework and to propose recommendations to bring greater certainty to the cost of providing health care to injured workers while reducing unnecessary administrative and legal burdens.

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

- (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
- (2) One senator appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
- (3) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.
- (4) One senator appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations.
- (5) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare shall serve as chairman of the task force, and the chairman shall convene for its first meeting no later than August 31, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare shall provide staff support to the task force.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate no later than February 1, 2026.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE