

2025 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

STUDENTS. Creates the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to school safety and security.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To create and provide for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and make recommendations relative to school safety and security.

WHEREAS, in Louisiana, providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and teachers are of the utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, students, teachers, and parents alike should feel secure and have peace of mind that they are safe in the learning environments offered in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, recent events across the country have raised concerns regarding school safety and underscore the need for a comprehensive review and enhancement of safety and security measures within our schools; and

WHEREAS, serious reforms developed by a collaboration of educators, students, law enforcement, and community members are needed to address the lack of safe practices among educational institutions in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, it is the hope that some reforms could promote and ultimately result in increased student attendance, strengthened trust in public educational institutions, and decreased violent incidents on school grounds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study ways to improve

1 security measures in public schools, and to propose recommendations for legislation, by  
2 written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as  
3 required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2026.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of  
5 school safety, security campus infrastructure, the benefit of design plans being assessed by  
6 a certified security professional, and addressing violent incidents along with the following:

7 (1) Require all schools to have a safety assessment every three years with the  
8 Louisiana State Police Assessment Form.

9 (2) Require serious school threats and incidents be reported to Louisiana State  
10 Analytical & Fusion Exchange (LA-SAFE).

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

13 (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee, who shall  
14 serve as chairman of the task force.

15 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.

16 (3) A member from Louisiana State Police, specializing in school safety.

17 (4) A member from the Center for Safe Schools.

18 (5) A member from the Louisiana School Boards Association.

19 (6) A member from the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.

20 (7) A member from the Louisiana Association of Educators.

21 (8) A member from the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

22 (9) A member from the Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

23 (10) The chairman of the Commission on School and Nonprofit Security, or his  
24 designee.

25 (11) A member from the Louisiana Federation of Teachers.

26 (12) A member from the Louisiana Association of Principals.

27 (13) A member from the Louisiana School Facility Managers Association.

28 (14) A member from the state Department of Education.

29 (15) A member from the Louisiana Governor's Office.

30 (16) A member from the Louisiana Office of State Fire Marshal, specializing in plan

1 review.

2 (17) A member from the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be staffed by the Senate  
4 Committee on Education.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the  
6 names of members and designees to the task force to the secretary of the Senate no later than  
7 August 1, 2025.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than September 15, 2025, the chairman  
9 of the task force shall convene the first meeting. At the first meeting, the members may elect  
10 a vice chairman and other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

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

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

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the  
18 submission of its report or March 1, 2026, whichever occurs first.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the report shall also be submitted to  
20 the Commission on School and Nonprofit Security for review.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 governor, the superintendent of the state Department of Education, the colonel of Louisiana  
23 State Police, the director of the Center for Safe Schools, the president of the Louisiana  
24 School Boards Association, the president of the Louisiana Association of School  
25 Superintendents, the president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, the executive  
26 director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, the Legislative Youth  
27 Advisory Council, the executive director of the Commission on School and Nonprofit  
28 Security, the president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, the president of the  
29 Louisiana Association of Principals, the president of the Louisiana School Facility Managers  
30 Association, the State Fire Marshal, and the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs'

1 Association.

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Creates and provides for the K-12 School Safety Task Force to study and advise policies relative to school safety and security.