

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 322

BY REPRESENTATIVE MOORE

A RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study the public health outcomes related to incurable sexually transmitted diseases and to report its findings prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, incurable sexually transmitted diseases such as hepatitis B, herpes, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and human papillomavirus (HPV) represent an ongoing public health concern; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 14:43.5 provides for the felony crime of intentional exposure to HIV; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 436 of the 2024 Regular Session would have restructured the elements, penalties, and defenses within the felony crime of intentional exposure to HIV; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 76 of the 2025 Regular Session would have created the crime of intentional infection of an incurable sexually transmitted disease; and

WHEREAS, a multitude of the states, including California and New York, have previously enacted laws that criminalize the transmission of sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana continues to experience high rates of sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, an assessment of the factors that contribute to these high rates of sexually transmitted diseases in Louisiana would better serve the public interest and promote best practices as it pertains to public health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study the public health outcomes related to incurable sexually transmitted diseases and provide for recommendations prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

- (1) The state representative who represents House District No. 17, or her designee.
- (2) The chairwoman of the House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice, or her designee.
- (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare, or his designee.
- (4) A member of the Louisiana Commission on HIV and Hepatitis C Education, Prevention, and Treatment.
- (5) A member of the Louisiana Coalition on Criminalization and Health.
- (6) One representative from the bureau of infectious diseases within the Louisiana Department of Health, office of public health.
- (7) One representative from the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman and vice chairman of the task force shall be elected by a majority of the task force members at its first meeting, which shall be called no later than September 1, 2025, and the members may select other officers as the task force deems appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall meet at such times and places as determined by its chair.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action by the task force shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall provide staff support to the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall report its findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to each of the task force members provided in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one print copy and one electronic copy of any report produced pursuant to this Resolution shall be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:772.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES