

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40

BY SENATOR EDMONDS AND REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of

school safety, security campus infrastructure, the benefit of design plans being assessed by a certified security professional, and addressing violent incidents along with the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(5) The executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, or his designee.

(6) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, or his designee.

(7) The president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, or his designee.

(8) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, or his designee.

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

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

(11) The president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, or his designee.

(12) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Principals, or his designee.

(13) The president of the Louisiana School Facility Managers Association, or his designee.

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

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

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

(17) The executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, or his designee.

(18) The chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, or his designee, who shall serve as an ex-officio member.

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

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

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

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 terminate on the date of the submission of its report or March 1, 2026, whichever occurs first.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, the superintendent of the state Department of Education, the colonel of Louisiana State Police, the director of the Center for Safe Schools, the president of the Louisiana School Boards Association, the president of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council, the executive director of the Commission on School and Nonprofit

Security, the president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, the president of the Louisiana Association of Principals, the president of the Louisiana School Facility Managers Association, the State Fire Marshal, the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the chairman of the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES