

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 833

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PRIVACY: Creates the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment Task Force

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 3-H of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be comprised
3 of R.S. 15:563.5, relative to the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment Task Force;
4 to create the task force and provide for membership and responsibilities; to require
5 studies, evaluations, and a report to the legislature; to provide for a termination date;
6 and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. Chapter 3-H of Title 15 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of
9 1950, comprised of R.S. 15:563.5, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 CHAPTER 3-H. SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVOR EMPOWERMENT TASK FORCE

11 §563.5. Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment Task Force

12 A. The Legislature of Louisiana creates in this Section the Sexual Assault
13 Survivor Empowerment Task Force to study, evaluate, and make recommendations
14 for legislation to provide access to services for survivors of sexual assault. Such
15 services may include counseling, school or work accommodations, public awareness
16 campaigns, and mandatory training for schools, hospitals, and law enforcement.

17 B. Task force membership consists of all of the following:

- 18 (1) A representative from the office of the attorney general.

- 1 (2) A representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.
- 2 (3) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker
- 3 of the House of Representatives.
- 4 (4) One member of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate.
- 5 (5) A representative of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.
- 6 (6) A representative of the Louisiana State Coroner's Association.
- 7 (7) One member who is a survivor of sexual violence appointed by Sexual
- 8 Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR).
- 9 (8) A licensed clinical social worker appointed by the Louisiana State Board
- 10 of Social Work Examiners.
- 11 C. The task force shall prepare and submit a report of its findings and
- 12 recommendations, including but not limited to any specific legislation, to the
- 13 governor, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate,
- 14 the chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary B, and the chair of the House
- 15 Committee on Judiciary no later than February 1, 2027. A copy of the report shall
- 16 also be submitted to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required
- 17 by R.S. 24:771 and 772. The task force shall make the report available for public
- 18 access.
- 19 D. This Chapter shall terminate on February 1, 2027.

DIGEST

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HB 833 Reengrossed

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Boyd

Abstract: Creates the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment Task Force.

Proposed law authorizes and directs the creation of the Sexual Assault Survivor Empowerment Task Force to study, evaluate, and make recommendations for legislation to improve access to services for survivors of sexual assault.

Proposed law provides that such services may include counseling, school or workplace accommodations, public awareness campaigns, and mandatory training for schools, hospitals, or law enforcement.

Proposed law provides for certain members of the task force.

Proposed law requires the task force to submit a report, including any legislation, by Feb. 1, 2027, and further requires the report to be made available to the public.

Proposed law terminates the task force upon submission of the report on Feb. 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 15:563.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Add to the task force a representative of the La. State Coroner's Association; a member who is a survivor of sexual violence appointed by Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response (STAR); and a licensed clinical social worker appointed by the La. State Bd. of Social Work Examiners.