



1           WHEREAS, workforce data shows that many students graduate without fully  
2 developed academic or career plans, thereby highlighting gaps between school career  
3 counseling systems, workforce needs, and the state's education programs; and

4           WHEREAS, access to academic and career counseling varies across Louisiana,  
5 leaving some students without the guidance they need; and

6           WHEREAS, Louisiana's long-term economic growth depends on preparing students  
7 to be ready for both college and careers; therefore, it is important to create a coordinated  
8 statewide advisory system that supports all students' academic and career goals; and

9           WHEREAS, Louisiana has made progress in strengthening college and career  
10 readiness through efforts such as counselor training, the Jump Start and Fast Forward  
11 programs, and the Individual Graduation Plan, all of which give students opportunities to  
12 earn credentials, gain work experience, and plan for their futures; and

13           WHEREAS, as Louisiana continues to grow economically and expand its industries,  
14 it is important to ensure that students are prepared to meet the needs of both existing and  
15 emerging jobs, and that education and workforce systems work together to support these  
16 opportunities.

17           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
18 establish and provide for the K-12 Student Success Pathways Task Force to study state  
19 public school programs that advise students on career and academic pathways in K-12 public  
20 schools and to propose recommendations, together with specific proposals for legislation,  
21 by written report to the legislature and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library  
22 as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than January 21, 2027 for an interim report and  
23 no later than January 21, 2028 for the final report.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of  
25 all of the following:

26           (1) Examine the ideal student and family engagement progression plan, study how  
27 career exploration, Individual Graduation Plans, and college planning are implemented  
28 across K12 schools, and identify best practices and areas for improvement.

29           (2) Review relevant Louisiana laws, assess their implementation, identify barriers,  
30 and consider best practices from other states.

1           (3) Evaluate career counseling staffing models to ensure schools can meet student  
2 needs, including the use of external partners, so counselors can effectively support students'  
3 academic and career development.

4           (4) Identify barriers to effective career counseling staffing and recommend solutions  
5 to ensure all students have access to quality career counseling services.

6           (5) Develop recommendations for a statewide strategy that aligns career counseling  
7 with workforce and college goals to prepare all students for success after high school.

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

10           (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.

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

12           (3) The state superintendent of education, or his designee, who will serve as  
13 chairman.

14           (4) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee.

15           (5) The secretary of Louisiana Works, or her designee.

16           (6) The executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance,  
17 or her designee.

18           (7) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, or his  
19 designee.

20           (8) One member appointed by the governor.

21           (9) The chairman of the Louisiana School Counselors Association, or his designee.

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

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

26           (12) The executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, or her  
27 designee.

28           (13) The president of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, or his  
29 designee.

30           (14) The chief executive officer of Leaders for a Better Louisiana, or his designee.

1 (15) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council, or his designee.

2 (16) The chief executive officer of YouthForce NOLA, or her designee.

3 (17) One member who is a parent of a public high school student, appointed by the  
4 state superintendent of education.

5 (18) One member who is a current public high school student, appointed by the state  
6 superintendent of education.

7 (19) One member who is a current public high school student appointed by the  
8 Legislative Youth Advisory Council.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the  
10 names of designees to the task force to the state superintendent of education, or his designee,  
11 no later than July 15, 2026.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no  
13 later than September 1, 2026, at the call of state superintendent of education, or his designee.  
14 The task force shall convene for its first meeting no later than September 1, 2026, at the call  
15 of the chairman and shall meet at least quarterly.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study the task force may  
17 request staff support from the state superintendent of education, or his designee.

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

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the  
25 submission of its final report or January 21, 2028, whichever occurs first.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
27 state superintendent of education, the commissioner of higher education, the secretary of  
28 Louisiana Works, the executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial  
29 Assistance, the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the  
30 governor, the chair of the Louisiana School Counselors Association, the executive director

