

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY SENATOR BARROW

SOCIAL SERVICES. Establishes the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Task Force.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Task Force to
3 research best practices and develop recommendations for the state to assist and
4 empower struggling families throughout Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, poverty is one of the greatest enemies of human dignity and the family
6 unit and undermines the general welfare of the people of Louisiana and significant portions
7 of the state suffer from the effects of poverty; and

8 WHEREAS, particular attention of state government could benefit families in
9 poverty with a coordinated and well-managed plan provided by the various state departments
10 dedicated to empowering these families; and

11 WHEREAS, the effective administration and coordination of efforts to families in
12 poverty is the responsibility of state government.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 establish and provide for the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Task Force to
15 research best practices and develop recommendations for the state to assist and empower
16 struggling families throughout Louisiana and to report its findings and recommendations by
17 written report to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council, the legislature,
18 and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and

1 772, no later than March 1, 2027.

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

4 (1) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or designee.

5 (2) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or designee.

6 (3) The president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall serve as the chair of the task
7 force.

8 (4) The secretary of Louisiana Works, or designee.

9 (5) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, or
10 designee.

11 (6) The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or designee.

12 (7) The superintendent of the Department of Education, or designee.

13 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, or designee.

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

15 (10) The president/CEO of the Louisiana Association of United Ways, or designee.

16 (11) The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or designee.

17 (12) The president of the Louisiana AFL/CIO, or designee.

18 (13) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet, or designee.

19 (14) One at-large member appointed by the governor.

20 (15) One member representing Ellevate Louisiana.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
22 names of designees to the task force to the president pro tempore of the Senate no later than
23 August, 1, 2026.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no
25 later than October 1, 2026, at the call of chair of the task force.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff support for the task force shall be provided
27 by the Louisiana Department of Health.

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

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

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the
5 submission of its report or March 1, 2027, whichever occurs first.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of Children
8 and Family Services, the secretary of Louisiana Works, the president of the Louisiana
9 Community and Technical College System, the secretary of Louisiana Economic
10 Development, the superintendent of the Department of Education, the executive director of
11 the Louisiana Housing Corporation, the commissioner of higher education, the
12 president/CEO of the Louisiana Association of United Ways, the president of the Urban
13 League of Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana AFL/CIO, the executive director of the
14 Children's Cabinet, the governor, and the president/CEO of Ellevate Louisiana.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services.
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or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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