

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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New law creates the Governor's Task Force on Impaired Driving.

New law provides that the policy of the task force is to take every responsible action, explore all opportunities, invite meaningful contributions, and utilize all available resources to reduce impaired driving to mitigate the loss of life, serious injury, and harm to individuals, families, and communities.

New law provides for the establishment, organization, domicile, procedures, powers, duties, functions, and funding of the task force.

New law provides for the task force to include the following members:

- (1) The attorney general.
- (2) One member of the House of Representatives designated by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (3) One member of the Senate designated by the president of the Senate.
- (4) The commissioner of the office of alcohol and tobacco control or his designee.
- (5) The commissioner of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, or his designee.
- (6) The executive director of the La. Highway Safety Commission.
- (7) The assistant secretary of the office of behavioral health of the La. Dept. of Health or his designee.
- (8) A representative of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, designated by the superintendent of the office of state police.
- (9) The director of the office of drug policy within the office of the governor.
- (10) A representative of the La. State Police Crime Laboratory designated by the commander of the La. State Police Crime Laboratory.
- (11) The secretary of the Dept. of Transportation and Development or his designee.
- (12) The commissioner of the La. Dept. of Insurance or his designee.
- (13) A representative of the La. District Attorneys Assoc. designated by the executive director of the La. District Attorneys Assoc.
- (14) A representative of the La. Sheriffs' Assoc. designated by the executive director of the La. Sheriffs' Assoc.
- (15) A representative of the La. Assoc. of Chiefs of Police designated by the president of the La. Assoc. of Chiefs of Police.
- (16) A representative of Mothers Against Drunk Driving designated by the highest-ranking staff member of the La. State Office of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.
- (17) A representative of the La. Restaurant Assoc. designated by the president of the La. Restaurant Assoc.
- (18) The director of the La. Supreme Court Drug and Specialty Court Office or his designee with expertise in administration of court cases involving driving while impaired and controlled dangerous substances.

- (19) A representative from the American Automobile Assoc., specializing in roadside assistance and impaired driving prevention.
- (20) Four at-large members appointed by the governor, at least one who is either a victim or family member of a victim of impaired driving.

New law provides that the office of drug policy within the office of the governor and the La. Highway Safety Commission will provide staff, facilities, and resources for the task force.

New law provides that staff support will also be provided by the executive office of the governor and may be provided by the agencies of the executive department of the government as directed by the governor.

New law requires for the task force to be funded by an appropriation of the legislature.

New law requires the assistance and cooperation of other state agencies, boards, and commissions with the task force in its work as well as the availability of the state library and La. State University for use by the task force.

New law requires the attorney general to assist the task force and provide written opinions on any subject requested by the legislative fiscal officer.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 49:219.1.1-219.1.4)