
DIGEST

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HB No. 541

Abstract: Creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Task Force and provides for its membership and duties.

Proposed law creates the La. Sexual Assault Task Force within the Dept. of Justice, office of the attorney general. Provides for a membership of 26 members. Provides that the attorney general shall serve as chairman. Provides for a listing of issues that the task force shall study, including but not limited to investigation issues, procedures used in obtaining and analyzing sexual assault evidence, training requirements for law enforcement officers and others in sexual assault cases.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the president of the Senate, and the speaker of the House of Representatives not later than July 1, 2005. Provides that the task force shall terminate 60 days after its report of findings has been submitted.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 15:555 and 556)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Added seven additional members to the task force.
2. Provided that a majority of the members present constitute a quorum.
3. Changed the date that the task force must submit its report from January 1, 2005 to July 1, 2005.
4. Provided that the attorney general shall serve as chairman.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Provides that the task force shall terminate 60 days after submission of its report.