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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 205

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and provide for the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Task Force to research best practices and develop recommendations for the state to assist and empower struggling families throughout Louisiana and to report its findings and recommendations by written report to the Empowering Families to Live Well Louisiana Council, the legislature, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than March 1, 2027.

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

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

(2) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his

designee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(15) One member representing Ellevate Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

Gipson, Linda

From: Stansberry, Sarai
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2026 5:39 PM
To: Lively, Marie; Gipson, Linda
Subject: FW: COMMITTEE ROOM REQUEST: SR 205 EMPOWERING FAMILIES TASK FORCE

Please see the below thread, disregard if the information was already sent to you. Thank you!

Sincerely,
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From: LaQuetta Jarvis (LDH) <LaQuetta.Jarvis@la.gov>
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Sure,

1. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or his designee is **Camille Conaway**.
2. The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, or his designee is **Charles Watkins**.
3. The president pro tempore of the Senate, who shall serve as the chair of the task force Chair is **Sen. Regina Barrow.**
4. The secretary of Louisiana Works, or his designee is **Elizabeth Gowen**.
5. The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, or his designee is **Dr. Amber Blair**.
6. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee is **Chris Stelly**.
7. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee. (Holding on this designee)
8. The executive director of the Louisiana Housing Corporation, or his designee is **Darlene Fields**
9. The commissioner of higher education, or his designee is **Terrie P. Sterling**
10. The president/CEO of the Louisiana Association of United Ways, or his designee is **Sarah Berthelot**.
11. The president of the Urban League of Louisiana, or his designee (Holding on this designee)
12. The president of the Louisiana AFL/CIO, or his designee is **Matthew Wood**.
13. The executive director of the Children's Cabinet, or his designee is **Jolie Williamson.**
14. One at-large member appointed by the governor (Holding on this designee)
15. One member representing Ellevate Louisiana, the designee is **Julie Stokes.**

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