



1           WHEREAS, it would be wise to undertake appropriate study and analysis to enable  
2 effective decisions concerning details of palliative care in Louisiana.

3           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
4 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health (department) to establish the Advisory  
5 Task Force on Palliative Care and Quality of Life (task force).

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

8                   (1) The undersecretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his  
9 designee.

10                   (2) The assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult services of the  
11 Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.

12                   (3) The director of the Health Standards Section of the Louisiana Department  
13 of Health or his designee.

14                   (4) Two physicians primarily engaged in hospice and palliative medicine  
15 appointed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

16                   (5) Two nurses primarily engaged in hospice and palliative medicine  
17 appointed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.

18                   (6) A representative of the American Cancer Society who has palliative care  
19 expertise.

20                   (7) Two patient or family caregiver advocates appointed by the governor.

21                   (8) One physician or nurse primarily engaged in pediatric palliative care.

22                   (9) The executive director of the Louisiana-Mississippi Hospice and  
23 Palliative Care Organization or his designee.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall convene the first meeting  
25 of the task force on or before September 1, 2019 and shall meet at least twice each year  
26 thereafter.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without  
28 compensation.

29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide any necessary  
30 support staff needed for the task force.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall undertake all of the  
2 following:

3 (1) Reviewing existing palliative care initiatives within the state.

4 (2) Making recommendations to the secretary of the department for the  
5 establishment, maintenance, operations, and outcome evaluation of palliative care  
6 initiatives within the state.

7 (3) Making recommendations to the secretary of the department regarding  
8 palliative care information and education, including publishing information on the  
9 department's website about palliative care for the public, recipients, and licensed  
10 healthcare providers and facilities. Such recommendations may include information  
11 regarding external resources, continuing educational opportunities, and palliative  
12 care delivery in various locations.

13 (4) Making recommendations to the secretary of the department regarding  
14 best practices for palliative care delivery in specific healthcare providers.

15 (5) Making recommendations to the secretary of the department on specific  
16 healthcare providers and facilities regarding palliative care requirements for  
17 licensing.

18 (6) Making recommendations to the secretary of the department on factors  
19 that may impact the development of palliative care initiatives or systems within  
20 healthcare providers and facilities, including but not limited to the size of the  
21 provider or facility access and proximity to palliative care services, availability of  
22 hospice and palliative care board-certified practitioners and related workforce staff,  
23 and geographic factors.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall prepare and submit an initial  
25 written report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and Senate Committee on  
26 Health and Welfare of the Louisiana Legislature not later than sixty days prior to the 2020  
27 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall complete its study  
29 and submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on

1 Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare not later than sixty  
2 days prior to the 2021 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and to the appointing entities named in this  
5 Resolution.

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DIGEST

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Establishes the Advisory Task Force on Palliative Care and Quality of Life within the Louisiana Department of Health to examine ways to institute or improve palliative care delivery in licensed healthcare providers and facilities in Louisiana.