

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE BILLIOT

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide with respect to the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

WHEREAS, through House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session, the legislature formed the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study and explore the public policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth aging out of foster care to achieve successful independence once they reach the age of majority; and

WHEREAS, the task force is composed of members who, individually and collectively, possess significant experience and interest in preparing youth aging out of foster care to take advantage of available opportunities and overcome likely challenges as a young adult; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the task force has held meetings to study and explore the public policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth aging out of foster care to achieve successful independence once they reach the age of majority, and fulfill other purposes as provided in its authorizing resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is of paramount importance to the future and wellbeing of the state of Louisiana to provide youth exiting foster care after age eighteen opportunities to be meaningfully involved in a solid transition planning process that focuses on the development of independent living skills and addresses topics such as safe, stable, and affordable housing; access to health insurance; education; and employment opportunities in addition to creating healthy, permanent connections; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, continuation of this task force's efforts is a priority of the legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the Task Force on Youth Aging Out of Foster Care to study and explore the public policy and financing options for programs that could assist youth aging out of foster care to achieve successful independence once they reach the age of majority created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the task force shall continue through July 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the task force shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 168 of the 2015 Regular Session with the addition of each of the following as a committee member:

- (1) The executive director of the Children's Cabinet or his designee.
- (2) The director of drug policy, office of the governor or his designee.
- (3) A representative from the Department of Health and Hospitals, office of public health, maternal and child health sector.
- (4) A representative from the Department of Health and Hospitals, bureau of health services financing.
- (5) The executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance or his designee.
- (6) A representative from the Louisiana Superintendent Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in all meetings of the task force, the quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of the members present at the meeting, provided that the number of voting members present exceeds thirty percent of the number of eligible task force members. A majority of those eligible members present and voting shall decide all questions and any official actions of the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE