

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 215

BY SENATOR BARROW

LEGIS POWERS/FUNCTIONS. Creates the Task Force on Sensible Gun Control.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create and provide for the Task Force on Sensible Gun Control.

3 WHEREAS, recent tragedies have once again thrust into the national spotlight the
4 issue of accessibility of the general public to firearms; and

5 WHEREAS, two of the most recent of these horrific events were allegedly
6 perpetrated by young men who were only eighteen years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, many studies do not support the contention that "more guns lead to safer
8 communities" and instead, support the opposite conclusion; and

9 WHEREAS, firearms were the leading cause of death for children one year of age
10 and older for the first time in 2020, the most recent year for which data from the Centers for
11 Disease Control is available; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana consistently ranks in the top three in the nation for gun deaths
13 in the United States; and

14 WHEREAS, Louisiana is considered by gun control advocacy groups such as Moms
15 Demand Action as having lax gun laws, to the detriment of the citizens of Louisiana and to
16 the nation as a whole; and

17 WHEREAS, gun violence is a complex problem that must be met with a range of
18 solutions, including considerations of laws, policies, and programs designed to save lives

1 and bring an end to this uniquely American epidemic.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby establish and provide for the Task Force on Sensible Gun Control to study
4 common sense policies that would aid in stemming the epidemic of gun violence plaguing
5 our state and country, and to propose recommendations and specific proposals for
6 legislation, if any, by written report to the Senate and to the David R. Poynter Legislative
7 Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 15, 2023.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include consideration of
9 the following:

10 (1) The purpose and efficacy of firearm permitting.

11 (2) The purpose and efficacy of background checks, including the practicality and
12 effectiveness of expanding background checks to all firearm purchases and other transfers.

13 (3) The appropriate age for being able to possess and use a firearm.

14 (4) The purpose of possessing and using certain high-profile firearms, such as AR-15
15 and AK-47 platform rifles, and the effectiveness of limits on firearms magazine capacity.

16 (5) The efficacy and necessity for mandatory firearms safety training.

17 (6) The efficacy of extreme risk protection laws.

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

20 (1) The senator for Senate District 15, who shall serve as chairperson of the task
21 force.

22 (2) The executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, or his
23 designee.

24 (3) The state public defender, or his designee.

25 (4) A representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, appointed by the
26 executive director.

27 (5) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, appointed by
28 the president of the organization.

29 (6) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, or his designee.

30 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Chapter of Moms Demand Action, appointed

1 by the leader of the chapter.

2 (8) The president of the Louisiana Shooting Association, or his designee.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each designating authority shall submit the
4 names of designees to the chairperson of the task force no later than August 1, 2022.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study commission may conduct such
6 meetings at such times it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
7 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
8 Resolution.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the task force shall convene for its first meeting no
10 later than September 1, 2022, at the call of the chairperson, and at the first meeting the
11 members shall elect other officers as the task force may deem appropriate.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the task force shall constitute a
13 quorum for the transaction of business, and all official actions of the task force shall require
14 the affirmative vote of a majority of the members.

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

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive staff support from
19 one or more of the entities from which the task force's membership is designated or
20 appointed, at the discretion of the task force.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall terminate on the date of the
22 submission of its report or February 15, 2023, whichever occurs first.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 Louisiana District Attorneys Association, the state public defender, the Louisiana Sheriffs'
25 Association, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the superintendent of Louisiana
26 State Police, the Louisiana Chapter of Moms Demand Action, and the Louisiana Shooting
27 Association.

