
SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2022 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to Original Senate Resolution No. 145 by Senator Barrow

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1**2** On page 1, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:**3** "WHEREAS, survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence, childhood trauma,
4 sexual violence, and human trafficking are often criminalized and incarcerated for acting in
5 self-defense, for protecting their loved ones, and for actions they take under the coercion of
6 an abuser; and**7** WHEREAS, there are survivors wrongfully incarcerated in Louisiana prisons whose
8 arrests, prosecutions, and convictions were based upon stereotypes about survivors and
9 outdated and discredited ideas about intimate partner violence; and**10** WHEREAS, research from Operation Restoration shows that Louisiana has the
11 seventh highest incarceration rate for women in the world at 198 per 100,000, while the
12 average in the United States as a whole is lower, at 127 per 100,000; and**13** WHEREAS, changes in sentencing of domestic violence survivors in Louisiana
14 would help restore humanity and justice to survivors of trauma and abuse who act to protect
15 themselves and their loved ones, and would bring long-overdue relief to survivors who have
16 been incarcerated for many years; and**17** WHEREAS, the findings of the Survivor Informed Task Force created by Senate
18 Concurrent Resolution No. 45 of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature confirmed the
19 need for presentation of facts and availability of a defense for criminalized survivors in the
20 criminal justice system; and**21** WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 251 of this 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature
22 produced informative conversations and a political will to take further action towards
23 codifying legal defenses for survivors of violence and abuse who are prosecuted for crimes
24 when they act under duress or coercion; and"**25** AMENDMENT NO. 2**26** On page 2, lines 15 and 16, change "study commission" to "task force"**27** AMENDMENT NO. 3**28** On page 2, delete lines 22 through 30, and insert the following:**29** "(5) A representative of Sexual Trauma Awareness and Response, designated by the
30 president of the organization.**31** (6) A representative of Voice of the Experienced (V.O.T.E.), appointed by the
32 executive director.**33** (7) A representative of the Promise of Justice Initiative, designated by the president
34 of the board of directors.**35** (8) A member from the Justice and Accountability Center of Louisiana, appointed
36 by the board of directors.**37** (9) A representative of the judicial community, appointed by the chief justice of the
38 Louisiana Supreme Court.**39** (10) A representative of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, appointed
40 by the president of the board of directors.**41** (11) A representative of Operation Restoration, appointed by the executive director.**42** (12) A representative of the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory
43 Board.**44** (13) A representative of TentMakers of Louisiana, appointed by the director."

1 AMENDMENT NO. 4

2 On page 3, delete line 1

3 AMENDMENT NO. 5

4 On page 3, line 3, change "study commission" to "task force"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 6

6 On page 3, between lines 12 and 13, insert the following:

7 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall receive staff support from
8 one or more of the entities from which the task force membership is designated or appointed,
9 at the discretion of the task force members."

10 AMENDMENT NO. 7

11 On page 3, line 23, delete "and the Louisiana Supreme Court." and insert "the Louisiana
12 Supreme Court, Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault, Operation Restoration, and
13 the Human Trafficking Prevention Commission Advisory Board."