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Amend the resolve in section 2 in the first line (page 1, line 15 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "12" and inserting the following: '13'

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 5 (page 1, lines 24 and 25 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘5. A representative of a sexual assault crisis and support center involved in the prevention of child sexual abuse, appointed by the Speaker of the House;’

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 8 (page 1, lines 29 and 30 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘8. A representative of a statewide coalition against sexual assault, appointed by the President of the Senate;’

Amend the resolve in section 2 in subsection 9 in the first line (page 1, line 31 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "and"

Amend the resolve in section 2 by striking out all of subsection 10 (page 1, lines 32 and 33 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘10. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services, or the commissioner's designee; and

11. A representative of a community-based youth-serving organization, appointed by the President of the Senate; and be it further’

Amend the resolve in section 6 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 2, line 19 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "private organizations;" the following: 'and'

Amend the resolve in section 6 by striking out all of subsections 3 and 4 (page 2, lines 20 to 27 in L.D.) and inserting the following:

‘3. Recommend policies to prevent and address sexual abuse of children, including age-appropriate curricula for students in prekindergarten to grade 5; methods for increasing teacher, student and parent awareness of issues regarding sexual abuse of children, including warning signs indicating that a child may be a victim of sexual abuse; actions that a child who is a victim of sexual abuse may take to obtain assistance and intervention; and available counseling options for children affected by sexual abuse; and be it further’

## SUMMARY

This amendment changes the composition of the Task Force on the Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Children and increases membership to 13 members. It changes the task force duties to clarify that the task force is directed to make recommendations to prevent and address child sexual abuse.