

STATE OF LOUISIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 94 - 2

**WHEREAS:** the problem of sexual abuse of children unfortunately plagues the society of the Nation, including this State; and

**WHEREAS:** the Louisiana Legislature recently enacted Act No. 694 of the 1993 Regular Legislative Session in order to facilitate the prosecution of those charged with sexual abuse of a minor; and

**WHEREAS:** various communities and entities of the State, including the criminal justice system, the Louisiana bar, the justice department, the therapeutic community, the social service agencies, the academic community, and others, are impacted by the sexual abuse of children and the prosecution of those who commit such acts; and

**WHEREAS:** the State of Louisiana would greatly benefit from a task force addressing the sexual abuse of minors which would, in particular, develop a common protocol among impacted communities and entities for the handling of child sexual abuse cases, in furtherance of the spirit of Act No. 694 of the 1993 Regular Legislative Session; and

**NOW THEREFORE** I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby establish the Louisiana Task Force on the Sexual Abuse of Minors, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Louisiana Task Force on the Sexual Abuse of Minors is established and created within the Executive Department, Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 2:** The Louisiana Task Force on the Sexual Abuse of Minors, hereinafter "Task Force", shall be composed of eleven (11) members to be appointed by the Governor.

**SECTION 3:** The members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**SECTION 4:** The Governor shall appoint a Chairperson who is a member of the Task Force. The Task Force may elect other officers as it deems necessary.

**SECTION 5:** The members of the Task Force shall receive no per diem or other compensation for their services. Actual expenses incurred by the members of the Task Force in the performance of their official duties may be reimbursed upon the approval of the Commissioner of Administration.

**SECTION 6:** The duties and functions of the Task Force shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

1. Conducting a review of the present protocol in all affected entities for the handling of cases involving the sexual abuse of minors;

2. Developing a streamlined and unified protocol for all affected entities in the handling of cases involving the sexual abuse of minors;

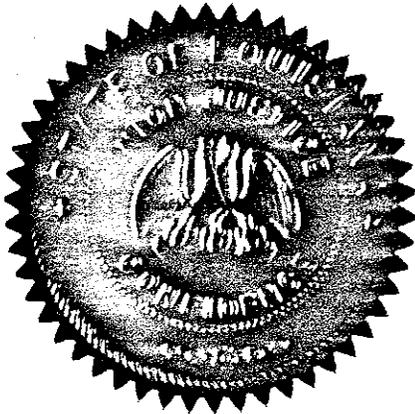
3. Establishing a system of training and education for all persons involved in servicing cases involving the sexual abuse of minors;

4. Presenting a preliminary report on their findings to the Governor six (6) months from the execution of this order and presenting a final report on their findings and recommendations to the Governor two (2) years from the execution of this order.

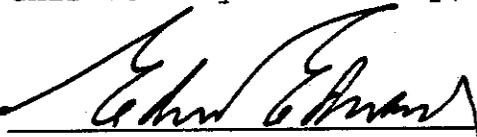
5. Any other duties and functions as required by the Governor in order to facilitate the implementation of Act 694 of the 1993 Regular Legislative Session.

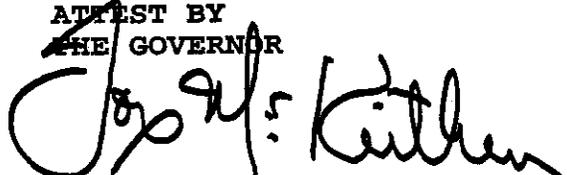
**SECTION 7:** All departments, commissions, boards, agencies, and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate with the Task Force in implementing the provisions of this Executive Order.

**SECTION 8:** The provisions of this Executive Order shall be effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 7th day of January, 1994.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR  
  
SECRETARY OF STATE