

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT**

**BATON ROUGE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 94 - 29**

- WHEREAS,** the Governor's primary concern is the public safety of the citizens of the State of Louisiana; and
- WHEREAS,** the citizens of Louisiana identify crime as a major problem coupled with the need accountability in the criminal justice system; and
- WHEREAS,** there is an increased willingness among criminal justice agencies to cooperate in order to resolve crime and related issues; and
- WHEREAS,** the state needs to make optimum use of existing prison bed space in order to assure that violent and dangerous individuals are incarcerated and incapacitated; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a need to identify and implement appropriate alternative sanctions for non-violent offenders; and
- WHEREAS,** the state must identify ways to contain the escalating cost of the criminal justice system while concurrently accomplishing the goals of the system and respecting the legitimate concerns of the victims of crime;

**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 order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The Governor's Prison Population, Sentencing Practices, and Alternative Sanctions Task Force is hereby established in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

**SECTION 2:** The Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

- A. The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or his designee;
- B. The Attorney General or his designee;
- C. The President of the Senate or his designee;
- D. The Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;
- E. The Commissioner of the Division of Administration or his designee;
- F. The Chairman of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice or his designee;
- G. The Executive Director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice or his designee;
- H. The Chairman of the Louisiana Sentencing Commission or his designee;

- I. The President of the Louisiana Sheriffs Association or his designee;
- J. A sheriff designated by the Louisiana Sheriffs Association;
- K. The President of the District Attorneys Association or his designee;
- L. A district attorney designated by the District Attorneys Association;
- M. The President of the District Judges Association or his designee;
- N. A judge designated by the District Judges Association;
- O. The Director of the Louisiana Law Institute or his designee;
- P. An additional member of the Louisiana Law Institute;
- Q. The President of Victims and Citizens Against Crime or his designee;
- R. A representative of the Children's Code Committee;
- S. A member designated by the Governor;
- T. A member designated by the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections;
- U. The Chairman of the Parole Board or his designee;
- V. Chairman of the Pardon Board or her designee;
- W. The Director of the Office of Correctional Studies at the Louisiana State University or his designee;

**SECTION 3:** Each member appointed by the Governor shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

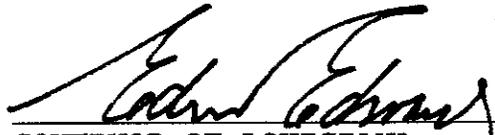
**SECTION 4:** The duties of the task force are:

- A. Review relevant portions of sentencing laws;
- B. Examine "truth in sentencing" issues;
- C. Review existing laws governing good time;
- D. Review rules and laws governing release on parole or by executive clemency;
- E. Review existing state and local prison bed space;
- F. Identify appropriate alternative sanctions;
- G. Develop short and long-term strategies to address the issues under study by the task force;
- H. Propose legislation to implement any needed changes in law; and
- I. Design a mechanism for continuous monitoring of issues under study by the task force.

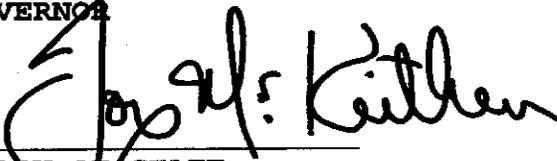
- SECTION 5:** The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall serve as the chairman of the task force.
- SECTION 6:** The task force shall meet at least quarterly and at other times on call of the chairman. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- SECTION 7:** The task force shall submit a written report to the Governor and the legislature by February 1, 1995.
- SECTION 8:** The staff of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall serve as the staff of the task force.
- SECTION 9:** The provisions of this Executive Order are 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 22nd day of August, 1994.

  
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY  
THE GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE