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Resolve, To Establish the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers

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Presented by Representative RISEMAN of Harrison. Cosponsored by Representatives: BAILEY of Gorham, DOUDERA of Camden, EVANGELOS of Friendship, PLUECKER of Warren, RECKITT of South Portland, WARREN of Scarborough. **Sec. 1. Task force established. Resolved:** That the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care Providers, referred to in this resolve as "the task force," is established.

- **Sec. 2. Task force membership. Resolved:** That the task force consists of 9 members appointed as follows:
- 1. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 2. Three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, including members from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature;
- 3. Two members who are representatives of entities knowledgeable about or involved in providing hospital, medical or mental health services, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 4. Two members who are representatives of entities knowledgeable about or involved in providing hospital, medical or mental health services, appointed by the Speaker of the House.
- **Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved:** That the first-named Senate member is the Senate chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the task force.
- **Sec. 4. Appointments; convening of task force. Resolved:** That all appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. After appointment of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the task force. If 30 days or more after the effective date of this resolve a majority of but not all appointments have been made, the chairs may request authority and the Legislative Council may grant authority for the task force to meet and conduct its business.
- **Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved:** That the task force shall review case studies related to violence or assault cases in health care and mental health care hospitals and facilities and current security practices and develop a plan to improve future security for health care workers and mental health care providers.
- **Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved:** That the Legislative Council shall provide necessary staffing services to the task force, except that Legislative Council staff support is not authorized when the Legislature is in regular or special session.
- **Sec. 7. Report. Resolved:** That, no later than December 1, 2021, the task force shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

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This resolve establishes the Task Force To Study Improving Safety and Provide Protection from Violence for Health Care Workers in Hospitals and Mental Health Care

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- Providers. The task force is directed to submit a report and any suggested legislation for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature by December 1, 2021. 2