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(4) two representatives of the family and community health programs in the Department of State Health Services;

(5) one representative of a statewide sexual assault advocacy organization;

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Sec. 32.065. EXPIRATION. The task force is abolished and this subchapter expires January 1, 2016.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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