

1 WHEREAS, providing quality services to our aging citizens in addition to
2 implementing precautions to help keep them safe in the event of another pandemic is likely
3 to require a larger portion of state and federal funding; and

4 WHEREAS, even without the added expense of implementing protections against
5 future pandemics, current state funding levels for state-provided long-term supports and
6 services are inadequate to meet existing demand as thousands of citizens are unable to access
7 these services when needed; and

8 WHEREAS, adding to the challenge, more non-elderly adults will also increase
9 demand for state-provided long-term supports and services due to disabilities or chronic
10 illnesses, which also place them at a greater risk in the event there is another pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, determining the gap between the projected state-provided supports and
12 services resources and future demand for such resources is essential to effectively plan for
13 and address the fiscal implication of meeting that demand; and

14 WHEREAS, to accurately gauge the fiscal impact of providing such services to all
15 who need it requires estimating three separate trends: population demographics, expected
16 state service utilization, and the cost of services provided by the state of Louisiana.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
18 Legislature of Louisiana hereby authorizes and requests the chairmen of the House
19 Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare, acting in
20 concert, to each appoint an equal number of members to a joint subcommittee for the
21 purpose of studying and compiling projections on future demand and expenditures for state-
22 provided long-term supports and services for the elderly and persons with adult-onset
23 disabilities and reporting findings to the House of Representatives prior to the convening of
24 the 2021 Regular Session.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee shall be composed of six
26 members with equal representation from each standing committee, and the members of the
27 joint subcommittee shall elect a chairman by majority vote at the subcommittee's first
28 meeting.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint subcommittee to compile information
2 on the following:

3 (1) Expected growth in the elderly and adult-onset disability populations needing
4 state services between July 1, 2020, and July 1, 2030.

5 (2) Expected need for long-term supports and services, provided by the state of
6 Louisiana, within the elderly and adult-onset disability population, based on trends in health
7 status.

8 (3) Expected costs to establish and maintain protocols to protect persons in long-
9 term care facilities in the event of a future pandemic.

10 (4) Expected state service usage, based on factors such as current trends in service
11 settings and future availability of informal caregiver support.

12 (5) Expected future costs by the state of Louisiana, including legally mandated
13 increases in provider rates, legally mandated provider costs such as overtime pay, and trends
14 in direct care wages and other costs.

15 (6) Options for decreasing expected future costs, such as optional care models and
16 increased present-day funding for health initiatives that will benefit citizens as they age,
17 delaying reliance on state-provided long-term support and care.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in undertaking the study, the joint subcommittee
19 shall conduct public hearings and seek input from the Louisiana Department of Health and
20 the governor's office of elderly affairs, may seek input from any other agencies and
21 organizations, and may request research, documents, or data and take any other actions it
22 deems necessary to carry out its functions.

DIGEST

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Requests the chairmen of the House Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare to jointly appoint a subcommittee composed of members from each committee to study and compile a report on projected future demand and expenditures for state-provided long-term supports and services for the elderly and persons with adult-onset disabilities, and to report its findings prior to the convening of the 2021 R.S.