AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 5, after "COVID-19" insert:

"and to urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the office of the governor to study the cost, mechanisms of funding, and potential impact of voluntary, universally available, evidence-based home visitsations for every Louisiana family who gives birth to or adopts a baby, and report the findings to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by March 1, 2022."

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, between lines 11 and 12, insert:

"WHEREAS, evidence-based home visiting programs for babies have demonstrated success in improving outcomes for children and families; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks among the highest states for maternal mortality and lacks equity in access to the services that address the needs of postpartum mothers; and

WHEREAS, very young children represent the highest percentage of those children taken into the child welfare system; and

WHEREAS, parents of children across the economic spectrum can benefit from targeted services and supports in their baby's earliest days; and

WHEREAS, models of home visiting programs are already demonstrating success throughout the state for families with children of all ages; and

WHEREAS, economic experts estimate that investments and interventions in early childhood can reap a significant return on investment for the state; and

WHEREAS, voluntary universal home visiting services can help families identify potential health issues that may lead to developmental delays, allowing for less costly interventions; and

WHEREAS, the state could dramatically change the trajectory for many children by offering voluntary universal home visiting supports to families when children are the most vulnerable and their brains are rapidly developing; and

WHEREAS, data indicates that voluntary universal home visiting programs can help states make significant gains in the health and wellbeing outcomes of all children, resulting in additional gains in early learning and future school readiness.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of Children and Family Services, and the office of the governor to study cost, implementation, and potential impact of a voluntary, universally available, evidence-based home visiting program for all Louisiana families.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that one staff member from the Louisiana Department of Health and one staff member from the Department of Children and Family Services shall serve as co-chairs of the group conducting the study on voluntary universal home visitations requested by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agencies conducting the study on voluntary universal home visitations shall also consult with the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children, the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families, health insurance issuers and health care providers doing business in Louisiana, and any other interested community members and stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall report the findings of the study on voluntary universal home visitations to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare by March 1, 2022."

AMENDMENT NO. 3
On page 3, line 12, after "Senate" insert "on the use and results of hydroxychloroquine"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, line 15, after "Health" insert ", the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the office of the governor,"

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