

1 government, and to strengthen the executive capacity for effective, efficient, and economic
2 administration at all levels...and to eliminate to the fullest practicable extent duplication of
3 effort within the executive branch of state government in order to use wisely the funds of the
4 state and more conveniently to meet the needs of the citizens of Louisiana which are
5 supported by revenues derived from the people and from the natural resources belonging to
6 them"; and

7 WHEREAS, government reorganization for the purpose of further consolidation of
8 government functions and elimination of duplication clearly constitutes one of the most
9 obvious, and potentially one of the most effective, ways to support the ongoing work of the
10 legislature and the governor in response to the current budget dilemma, and the Constitution
11 of Louisiana grants the legislature responsibility for reallocation of offices, agencies, and
12 other instrumentalities of the executive branch of state government and their functions,
13 powers, duties, and responsibilities within not more than twenty departments; and

14 WHEREAS, primary candidates for such reorganization are the Department of
15 Health and Hospitals and the Department of Children and Family Services, for these
16 departments, which administer the health and social services functions of state government,
17 are major bureaucratic structures that serve many of the same clients and have closely
18 related responsibilities and related eligibility and funding structures, and in fact the two
19 departments were at one time a single larger department that also included the state's
20 hospitals.

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
22 authorize and request the secretaries of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the
23 Department of Children and Family Services jointly to prepare a plan for abolition of the two
24 departments and the creation of a new consolidated Department of Children, Family, and
25 Health Services.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such plan shall have the purposes of promoting
27 economy and efficiency in the operation and management of the functions of the state
28 relative to health and social services, strengthening the executive capacity of the new
29 department for effective, efficient, and economic administration while also improving the
30 quality of the functions performed and the programs and services rendered by the new

1 department for the state's citizens, and eliminating to the fullest practicable extent
2 duplication of effort within health and social services functions of state government.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries shall conduct a comprehensive
4 study and examination of the organization and operations of the two departments in order
5 to develop such plan, and such study shall include but not be limited to the merger of
6 functions, abolition of agencies, consolidation of offices, elimination of job positions,
7 elimination of duplication of functions, full implementation of an office of management and
8 finance and consolidation of its functions, and efficiency and economy in delivery of
9 services.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such plan shall include:

11 (1) A proposed organizational structure to accomplish the consolidation and
12 assignment of the powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, and programs of the two
13 departments within the new department and such improved and efficient operation and
14 management of the state's health and social services programs and functions as needed to
15 best accomplish the purposes of the plan as provided in this Resolution and the purposes of
16 the Executive Reorganization Act.

17 (2) Provisions for transfer and utilization of positions, personnel, funds, office space,
18 facilities, and equipment, and such other detail as is necessary to effectuate the merger of the
19 two departments.

20 (3) Provisions for the transfer from the two departments to the new department of
21 unfinished business, references in laws and documents, employees, property, contractual or
22 other obligations, and books and records, and provisions for the effect of the reorganization
23 on administrative rules.

24 (4) A budget proposal for the consolidated department to implement the proposed
25 reorganization plan and related information, including the number and classification of
26 personnel broken down by office and program; the amount of total funds to be requested for
27 each office and program broken down to reflect the proposed use of such funds; information
28 concerning use of vehicles by each office and program and budget requirements therefor;
29 information concerning establishment of an office of management and finance for the
30 department and consolidation of its functions and operations; information concerning effects

1 on personnel requirements and service delivery; and information concerning utilization of
2 building space, supplies, and equipment.

3 (5) A report of the findings of the secretaries' comprehensive study and examination
4 of the organization and operations of the two departments and any other explanatory material
5 the secretaries determine to be necessary to explain the plan.

6 (6) Proposals for legislation necessary to implement the proposed plan.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretaries shall complete such plan and
8 submit it to the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the
9 Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the House Committee on House and
10 Governmental Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs not
11 later than December 31, 2011, and that a copy thereof shall be submitted to the governor and
12 to the commissioner of administration.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget,
14 the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, and the Senate Committee on
15 Senate and Governmental Affairs, individually or jointly, may conduct such hearings as they
16 deem appropriate to review the plan and material submitted by the secretaries and that the
17 secretaries shall furnish the committees any information they may request concerning
18 reorganization of the departments and appear before any of the committees to provide such
19 information as any of the committees may request.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
21 to the Honorable Bobby Jindal, Governor of Louisiana; Paul W. Rainwater, Commissioner
22 of Administration; Bruce D. Greenstein, Secretary of the Department of Health and
23 Hospitals; and Ruth Johnson, Secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes and requests the secretaries of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) jointly to prepare a plan for abolition of the two departments and the creation of a new consolidated Dept. of Children, Family, and Health Services. Specifies plan contents.

Proposed resolution authorizes and requests the DHH and DCFS secretaries jointly to prepare a plan for abolition of the two departments and the creation of a new consolidated Dept. of Children, Family, and Health Services. Provides that the plan's purposes are promoting economy and efficiency in the operation and management of state health and social services functions, strengthening the executive capacity of the new department for effective, efficient, and economic administration while improving the quality of the functions performed and the programs and services rendered, and eliminating to the fullest practicable extent duplication of effort within state health and social services functions.

Proposed resolution provides that the two secretaries shall conduct a comprehensive study of the organization and operations of the two departments, including merger of functions, abolition of agencies, consolidation of offices, elimination of job positions, elimination of duplication of functions, full implementation of an office of management and finance and consolidation of its functions, and efficiency and economy in delivery of services.

Proposed resolution provides that such plan include:

- (1) A proposed organizational structure to accomplish the consolidation and assignment of the powers, duties, functions, responsibilities, and programs of the two departments within the new department and such improved and efficient operation and management of the state's health and social services programs and functions as needed to best accomplish the plan's purposes as stated above and the purposes of the Executive Reorganization Act.
- (2) Provisions for transfer and utilization of positions, personnel, funds, office space, facilities, and equipment, and other detail necessary for the department merger.
- (3) Provisions for transferring, from the two departments to the new department, unfinished business, references in laws and documents, employees, property, contractual or other obligations, and books and records, and provisions for the effect of the reorganization on administrative rules.
- (4) A budget proposal and related information for the consolidated department to implement the reorganization plan, including the number and classification of personnel by office and program; the amount of total funds by office and program broken down to reflect the proposed use of such funds; information concerning vehicle use by each office and program and budget requirements therefor; information concerning consolidation of operations of the office of management and finance; information concerning effects on personnel requirements and service delivery and utilization of building space, supplies, and equipment.
- (5) A report of the findings of the secretaries' comprehensive study and examination of the organization and operations of the two departments and any other explanatory material the secretaries determine necessary to explain the plan.
- (6) Proposals for legislation necessary to implement the proposed plan.

Proposed resolution provides that the secretaries shall complete such plan and submit it to the speaker of the House of Representatives, the president of the Senate, the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs not later than Dec. 31, 2011, and submit copies thereof to the governor and to the commissioner of administration.

Proposed resolution provides that the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs, and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs, individually or jointly, may conduct such hearings as they deem appropriate to review the plan and material submitted and that the secretaries shall furnish the committees any information they may request concerning reorganization of the departments and, at the request of any of the committees, appear before them to provide requested information.