



1           WHEREAS, to date, no objective evaluation has been conducted on the statewide  
2 impact of the ongoing healthcare system transformation Louisiana is experiencing; and

3           WHEREAS, empirical research findings of a study of this type would be an  
4 invaluable resource for informing efforts by the legislature to craft policies that support the  
5 access to and quality of health care that the citizens of our state deserve.

6           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 create a study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery.

8           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall be composed of the  
9 following members:

10           (1) The chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New  
11 Orleans or his designee.

12           (2) The chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at  
13 Shreveport or his designee.

14           (3) The dean of the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy  
15 or his designee.

16           (4) One member representing the bureau of health services financing of the  
17 Department of Health and Hospitals, appointed by the secretary of the department.

18           (5) One member representing the office of public health of the Department of Health  
19 and Hospitals, appointed by the secretary of the department.

20           (6) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.

21           (7) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans or his  
22 designee.

23           (8) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his  
24 designee.

25           (9) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians or his designee.

26           (10) The executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association or his  
27 designee.

28           (11) The executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his  
29 designee.

1           (12) The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association  
2 or his designee.

3           (13) The executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, Inc., or his designee.

4           (14) One member representing Navigators for a Healthy Louisiana.

5           (15) The president of the Louisiana Center for Health Equity or his designee.

6           (16) One member representing the Campaign for Healthcare for Everyone -  
7 Louisiana.

8           (17) The executive director of the Advocacy Center or his designee.

9           (18) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his  
10 designee.

11           (19) Six healthcare consumer advocates in the number of one advocate apiece from  
12 each congressional district of Louisiana, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Center  
13 for Health Equity.

14           (20) The director of the Louisiana State University Public Policy Research Lab or  
15 his designee.

16           (21) The director of the Louisiana Budget Project or his designee.

17           (22) The dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee.

18           (23) The president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners or his  
19 designee.

20           (24) The chairperson of Medicine Louisiana or his designee.

21           (25) The chairperson of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council or his  
22 designee.

23           (26) One member representing the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in evaluating Louisiana's healthcare system, the  
25 study committee shall examine issues related to statewide health services availability,  
26 delivery, quality, and financing that include, without limitation, the following:

27           (1) The financial condition of the state's healthcare delivery system.

28           (2) Comparative access to healthcare by Louisianians of different income levels,  
29 demographic groups, and geographic locations.

30           (3) Stability and continuity of care.

1           (4) Health system capacity, including but not limited to the capacity of the state's  
2 healthcare workforce.

3           (5) Healthcare quality and health outcomes, with a focus on any innovations and best  
4 practices which may improve these factors.

5           (6) The degree to which healthcare delivery is people-centered and consumer-  
6 oriented.

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Louisiana Center for Health  
8 Equity shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the study committee convenes  
9 on or before August 1, 2015.

10          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at its initial meeting, the study committee  
11 members shall elect a chairperson, and shall adopt rules of procedure and any other policies  
12 as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2016, the study  
14 committee shall submit to the legislature a report of its progress and preliminary findings.

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before August 1, 2016, the study  
16 committee shall submit to the legislature a final report comprising an evaluation of  
17 Louisiana's system of healthcare delivery and recommendations for improving the state's  
18 healthcare system such that it can better meet the needs of Louisiana citizens.

19          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the  
21 chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the dean of  
22 the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy, the secretary of the  
23 Department of Health and Hospitals, the commissioner of insurance, the chief executive  
24 officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the chief executive officer of the  
25 Louisiana State Medical Society, the president of the Louisiana Academy of Family  
26 Physicians, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the executive  
27 director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the president and chief executive officer  
28 of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition,  
29 Inc., the director of Navigators for a Healthy Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana  
30 Center for Health Equity, the director of the Campaign for Healthcare for Everyone -

1 Louisiana, the executive director of the Advocacy Center, the executive director of the  
2 Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the director of the Louisiana State University Public  
3 Policy Research Lab, the director of the Louisiana Budget Project, the dean of the Tulane  
4 University School of Medicine, the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse  
5 Practitioners, the chairperson of Medicine Louisiana, the chairperson of the Louisiana  
6 Behavioral Health Advisory Council, and the executive director of the Louisiana Physical  
7 Therapy Association.

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#### DIGEST

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Smith

Creates a 31-member study committee to evaluate La.'s statewide system of healthcare delivery and requires the committee to report findings and recommendations to the legislature.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Delete from the study committee membership the executive director of the Community and Residential Services Association of La. or his designee.
2. Add the following members to the study committee:
  - (a) The executive director of the Advocacy Center or his designee.
  - (b) The director of the La. Budget Project or his designee.
  - (c) The dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee.
  - (d) The president of the La. Association of Nurse Practitioners or his designee.
  - (e) The chairperson of Medicine La. or his designee.
3. Delete provisions authorizing the La. Center for Health Equity to receive and expend any funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the study committee.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the following members to the study committee:
  - (a) The chairperson of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council or his designee.
  - (b) One member representing the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.