

2017 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVES BAGLEY, CARMODY, HORTON, MCFARLAND, JIM MORRIS, REYNOLDS, AND SEABAUGH

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and request the legislative auditor to examine and report on the current financial condition of the public-private partnership between the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana has historically provided health care to its indigent and uninsured citizens through state owned and operated hospitals; and

WHEREAS, the operations of the north Louisiana hospitals for which the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport is responsible pursuant to R.S. 17:1519.2(B) were privatized beginning in 2012, and are now provided for in cooperative endeavor agreements between the state and a private partner; and

WHEREAS, given the important nature of the mission and purpose of the public hospitals, including but not limited to the provision of access to high quality medical care for the most vulnerable patients including the medically indigent and uninsured, the development of medical and clinical workforce throughout the state in the various accredited residency and other health education programs, and the cooperative nature in which these hospitals work collaboratively with other healthcare providers and agencies to improve the health outcomes of the citizens of the state, it is the right and the responsibility of the legislature to ensure that these hospitals are operating efficiently and effectively in the best interests of the citizens of the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request the legislative auditor to examine and report on the current financial condition of the public-private partnership between the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana and the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the examination requested by this Resolution, the legislative auditor shall review the status of the accounts receivable for the Louisiana State University System relative to the amounts due from the private partner pursuant to the public-private partnership cooperative endeavor agreement, and any other aspect as the auditor deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the legislative auditor.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES