

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 7

BY SENATOR MILLS

HEALTH CARE. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of Education to coordinate an awareness effort to have children screened for scoliosis.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of
3 Education to coordinate an awareness effort to have children screened for scoliosis.

4 WHEREAS, scoliosis is a condition in which the spine develops in a curved, side to
5 side "S" shaped pattern for no known cause or reason; and

6 WHEREAS, scoliosis begins developing in childhood and because its progression
7 can be gradual and painless it is most commonly undiagnosed in children until the ages of
8 ten to fourteen; and

9 WHEREAS, roughly three million new cases of scoliosis are diagnosed in the United
10 States each year; and

11 WHEREAS, screening for scoliosis is part of the routine evaluation conducted by a
12 pediatrician during an annual well child visit; and

13 WHEREAS, in Louisiana nearly every single child is covered by commercial
14 insurance or Medicaid, and as part of that health coverage is eligible and should be
15 participating in an annual well child visit with their pediatrician; and

16 WHEREAS, communication with the pediatrician is key in the early diagnosis of
17 scoliosis at the well child visit and throughout the year if signs of scoliosis are suspected in
18 the child; and

