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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

ELDERLY: Requests a study concerning prevention of elder abuse

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To authorize and request the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult
3	services of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor, jointly,
4	to study means by which this state can reduce the incidence of elder abuse and to
5	report findings of the study to the House Committee on the Administration of
6	Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, the legislative committees
7	on health and welfare, and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council.
8	WHEREAS, in the United States, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of
9	sixty are abused, neglected, or financially exploited each year; collectively, these acts are
10	referred to as elder abuse; and
11	WHEREAS, various laws encompassed by the Louisiana Criminal Code, R.S. 14:1
12	et seq., criminalize abandonment, battery, exploitation, extortion, isolation, and sexual abuse
13	of the elderly; and
14	WHEREAS, the governor's office of elderly affairs provides a broad range of
15	services for senior citizens through the Area Agencies on Aging of this state; and
16	WHEREAS, among the major duties of the governor's office of elderly affairs is the
17	administration of the state's elderly protective services functions pursuant to the Adult
18	Protective Services Act, R.S. 15:1501 et seq.; and
19	WHEREAS, the office of aging and adult services of the Louisiana Department of
20	Health is responsible for the programs and functions of the department related to the

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1 long-term care of the elderly and the protection and long-term care of persons with adult-2 onset disabilities; and 3 WHEREAS, Louisiana treasures its elders, as they are the living heritage of our 4 families and our rich and wonderful culture; and 5 WHEREAS, ensuring the safety and well-being of our elders is a critical public 6 policy priority of this state. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 authorize and request the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult 9 services of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor, jointly, to study 10 means by which this state can reduce the incidence of elder abuse. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study requested in this 12 Resolution, the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult services, and 13 the legislative auditor shall engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective 14 from stakeholder groups as deemed necessary or appropriate by the executive director of the 15 governor's office of elderly affairs and the assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult 16 services. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties who coordinate the study called for 18 in this Resolution shall submit a written report of findings resulting from the study to the 19 House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on 20 Judiciary C, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health 21 and Welfare, and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council no later than sixty days prior to the 22 convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 24 executive director of the governor's office of elderly affairs, the secretary of the Louisiana 25 Department of Health, the legislative auditor, and each member of the Legislative Audit

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