2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH AND SENATOR CLAITOR

TAX/SALES-USE, STATE: Urges and requests a study of the costs associated with the implementation of accessibility services and assistive technology at the Legislature of Louisiana

1	A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST
2	To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on
3	Senate & Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study
4	the costs associated with the implementation of accessibility services and assistive
5	technology at the Legislature of Louisiana, and to report the findings and a
6	recommendation of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of
7	the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
8	WHEREAS, R.S. 47:1061(A) authorizes a monthly tax on residential and business
9	customer telephone access lines of local exchange companies operating in Louisiana; and
10	WHEREAS, the monies from this tax are required to be deposited into the
11	Telecommunications for the Deaf Fund (the Fund) upon satisfaction of the requirements of
12	the Bond Security and Redemption Fund; and
13	WHEREAS, R.S. 47:1061(B) provides for monies in the Fund to be used solely for
14	the establishment, administration, and promotion of a statewide program to provide
15	accessibility services and assistive technology for persons who are deaf, deaf/blind, hard of
16	hearing, speech impaired, or others with similar disabilities or impairments; and
17	WHEREAS, R.S. 47:1061(B) provides for a portion of the monies in the Fund to be
18	used for captioning and American Sign Language services to be utilized at the legislature;
19	and

- WHEREAS, because these services appear to be underutilized at the legislature, it
 is clear that costs associated with implementation of accessibility of services and assistive
 technology require further study.
- 4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana requests the 5 House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate 6 & Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study costs 7 associated with the implementation of accessibility services and assistive technology at the 8 Legislature of Louisiana and to report the findings and a recommendation of the joint 9 committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the 10 Legislature of Louisiana.
- 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 12 Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Commission for the Deaf.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study costs associated with the implementation of accessibility services and assistive technology at the Legislature of Louisiana and to report its findings to the legislature prior to the 2020 R.S.