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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 233

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAINES

ENVIRONMENT: Urges and requests the Department of Environmental Quality to study the feasibility of expanding the testing of child-occupied facilities for lead and mercury

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Environmental Quality to study the feasibility of and
3 identify potential funding sources for expanding the testing of child-occupied
4 facilities for lead and mercury and report its findings to the House Committee on
5 Natural Resources and Environment on or before February 1, 2020.

6 WHEREAS, lead exposure can cause learning disabilities, hearing difficulties,
7 behavior problems, and actually impact a child's IQ; and

8 WHEREAS, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no
9 safe amount of lead that children can ingest; and

10 WHEREAS, elemental mercury and methylmercury are toxic to the central and
11 peripheral nervous systems; and

12 WHEREAS, the inhalation of mercury vapor can produce harmful effects on the
13 nervous, digestive, and immune systems as well as the lungs and kidneys, and may be fatal;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, the inorganic salts of mercury are corrosive to the skin, eyes, and
16 gastrointestinal tract, and may induce kidney toxicity if ingested; and

17 WHEREAS, neurological and behavioral disorders may be observed after inhalation,
18 ingestion, or dermal exposure of different mercury compounds; and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality oversees a program to reduce
2 lead hazards which includes the testing of child-occupied facilities in an effort to protect
3 those most vulnerable to exposure.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Environmental
6 Quality to study the feasibility of and identify potential funding sources for expanding the
7 testing of child-occupied facilities for lead and mercury and report its findings to the House
8 Committee on Natural Resources and Environment on or before February 1, 2020.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality.

DIGEST

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