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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 96

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HEALTH: Creates a task force to study the wrongful association of physical and mental health problems

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To create a task force to study the wrongful association of physical and mental health
3	problems for patients in Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, the World Health Organization reported that the totality of one's health
5	includes physical, mental, and social well-being; and
6	WHEREAS, a person's mental health can directly impact his physical being; and
7	WHEREAS, while mental health is a component of one's health overall, it is not a
8	sole determinant; and
9	WHEREAS, medical misdiagnosis is a common occurrence in the healthcare world;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, according to the Huffington Post, bipolar disorder, post-traumatic stress
12	disorder, depression, various eating disorders, and borderline personality disorder are often
13	underdiagnosed or misdiagnosed; and
14	WHEREAS, in the absence of a sufficient diagnosis, such mental illnesses could
15	result in physical ailments; and
16	WHEREAS, conversely, the misdiagnosis of a physical illness could result in mental
17	trauma; and
18	WHEREAS, according to Healthline, roughly twelve million people in the United
19	States have fallen victim to a medical diagnostic error; and
20	WHEREAS, an estimated forty to eighty thousand people die annually as a result of
21	such misdiagnosis and any treatment plan associated with such diagnosis; and

1	WHEREAS, according to Healthline, minorities and women are more likely to be
2	misdiagnosed; and
3	WHEREAS, there are many ways in which healthcare treatment facilities and
4	learning institutions can aid in reducing the prevalence of physical and mental misdiagnosis;
5	and
6	WHEREAS, exploration of this subject matter on a state level can help medical
7	professionals in Louisiana to improve health outcomes and reduce the risks associated with
8	misdiagnosis; and
9	WHEREAS, it is imperative that the state of Louisiana acknowledge the severity of
0	this issue and how it may impact women, people of color, rare disease patients, patients with
1	co-occurring physical and mental health conditions, and other minority populations in the
12	state.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	create and provide for the Task Force on Physical and Mental Health to study the
15	inappropriate association of physical and mental health issues for patients in Louisiana.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall have all of the following
17	functions:
18	(1) To collect data relative to the inappropriate association of physical and
9	mental health issues for patients in this state.
20	(2) To study and review the data collected.
21	(3) To use such data to determine whether this state should propose legislation
22	relative to the inappropriate association of physical and mental health issues
23	for patients in this state.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force established by this Resolution
25	shall include representatives from the following organizations and professions:
26	(1) The Louisiana Department of Health.
27	(2) The Louisiana Department of Health office of behavioral health.
28	(3) The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
29	(4) The Louisiana Hospital Association.
30	(5) The Louisiana State Nurses Association.

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- 1 (6) The Louisiana State Medical Society.
- 2 (7) The Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall
- 4 provide staff support for the task force.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the task force
- 6 shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on
- Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report
- 8 of its findings and recommendations.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the Louisiana
- Department of Health office of behavioral health, the president of the Louisiana State Board
- of Medical Examiners, the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the president of
- the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the president of the Louisiana State Medical Society,
- and the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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