

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 44

BY REPRESENTATIVES BOYD, ADAMS, BAMBURG, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BOYER, BRASS, BRAUD, BROWN, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, CHASSION, DEVILLIER, DOMANGUE, ECHOLS, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, HUGHES, JACKSON, JORDAN, KNOX, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, NEWELL, PHELPS, ROMERO, SPELL, STAGNI, TAYLOR, THOMPSON, WILEY, AND WILLARD

HEALTH/CANCER: Urges the Louisiana State University School of Public Health to change the recommended age for breast cancer screening

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State University School of Public Health to change the
3 recommended age for breast cancer screening for beginning of mammograms to
4 thirty years old.

5 WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer and the second
6 leading cause of cancer deaths among women in Louisiana, ranking fourth in the nation for
7 female breast cancer death rate; and

8 WHEREAS, there were six hundred seventy-eight breast cancer deaths in 2024 in
9 Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, female breast cancer was the most common cancer and the second
11 leading cause of cancer death in Louisiana women from 2010 to 2014; and

12 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2014, the average annual incidence rate of female
13 breast cancer in Louisiana ranked twenty-ninth in the nation and the mortality rate was the
14 second highest in the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, Louisiana averaged one hundred thirty cases of breast cancer per one
16 hundred thousand people, including all stages from 2017 to 2021; and

17 WHEREAS, the original recommended age for breast cancer screening was forty
18 years old and continuing through seventy-four years old; and

1 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Public Health states
2 early screening and testing are associated with improved survival outcomes; and

3 WHEREAS, early detection significantly improves survival rates, with rates close
4 to one hundred percent when breast cancer is caught early; and

5 WHEREAS, the LSU School of Public Health has a Louisiana Breast and Cervical
6 Health Program (LBCHP) that offers no-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings and
7 patient navigation services to women in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, LBCHP was founded after Congress passed the Breast and Cervical
9 Cancer Mortality Prevention Act of 1990 and was designed to provide low-income,
10 uninsured, and underserved women access to timely breast and cervical cancer screening and
11 diagnostic services; and

12 WHEREAS, LBCHP is the largest program within Louisiana Cancer Prevention &
13 Control Programs (LCP) and has helped lower Louisiana's breast cancer death rate from the
14 highest in the United States, as well as raised the state's screening rate to the national
15 average; and

16 WHEREAS, the LSU School of Public Health operates mobile cancer screening units
17 that travel to different locations throughout Louisiana to provide screenings to women who
18 may not have access to other facilities.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 urge and request the LSU School of Public Health to recommend changing initial routine
21 mammographic breast cancer screening from age forty to age thirty.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
23 the revision of breast cancer screening guidelines to recommend the initiation of routine
24 mammographic screening beginning at age thirty, in order to promote earlier detection and
25 improve outcomes for individuals at risk.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request
27 the LSU School of Public Health to develop a program for early breast cancer screening
28 beginning at age thirty within the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the Resolution be transmitted to the
30 dean of the LSU School of Public Health.

DIGEST

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Boyd

Requests the Louisiana State University School of Public Health to change the recommended starting age for routine mammography from forty to thirty years old for individuals at average risk.

Requests LSU School of Public Health to create a program within the Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program for early breast cancer screening to begin at age thirty.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change "Louisiana Department of Health" to "Louisiana State University (LSU) School of Public Health".