

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Office of Group Benefits to study the merits of expanding eligibility for participation in its programs to include more political subdivisions and whether that expansion would have a beneficial effect on rates for all members and employers.

WHEREAS, Louisiana has established a self-insured program administered by the Office of Group Benefits to offer health insurance to its employees; and

WHEREAS, certain local employees, including full time employees of school boards that elect to participate, as well as certain parish judges, and employees of certain political subdivisions, have been granted the right to participate in the state's self-insurance program; and

WHEREAS, providing for the health and welfare of current and former state and political subdivision employees is an obligation the legislature does not take lightly; and

WHEREAS, certain political subdivisions already participate in the Office of Group Benefits programs; and

WHEREAS, health insurance costs are increasing nationally as our society reaps the benefits of living longer; and

WHEREAS, identifying and capitalizing on opportunities to improve health insurance benefits for those who provide essential services to our state and our communities while simultaneously creating opportunities for savings is a fiscally prudent action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Office of Group Benefits to study the merits of expanding eligibility for participation in its programs to include more political subdivisions and whether that expansion would have a beneficial effect on rates for all members and employers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Group Benefits shall submit a report of its findings to the House Committee on Appropriations and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than January 31, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Heath Williams, CEO of the state's Office of Group Benefits.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES