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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73

BY REPRESENTATIVE ARMES

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Requests a study concerning the benefits and costs of online delivery of certain training required for medication attendants

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the benefits and costs
3	associated with online delivery of certain training required for medication attendants
4	and to report findings of the study to the legislative committees on health and
5	welfare.
6	WHEREAS, current state law, R.S. 37:1022, authorizes nonlicensed personnel who
7	have successfully completed and passed a required drug administration course to administer
8	oral medication, ointments, and suppositories to the following persons:
9	(1) Residents of facilities operated by the office for citizens with developmental
10	disabilities of the Louisiana Department of Health.
11	(2) Residents of certain community homes for persons with developmental
12	disabilities.
13	(3) Persons receiving certain in-home Medicaid-funded services; and
14	WHEREAS, persons who have successfully completed the required drug
15	administration course and passed a qualifying examination become state-certified as
16	medication attendants; and
17	WHEREAS, state law presently does not specify means by which training for
18	medication attendants may be delivered, and all such training is currently delivered in a live,
19	in-person format; and
20	WHEREAS, evidence suggests that medication attendant education and training can
21	be delivered with a high degree of effectiveness in web-based formats; and

1 WHEREAS, notable examples of state-approved online education for health 2 professionals include web-based curricula for baccalaureate and associate degrees in nursing. 3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 4 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the benefits and costs 5 associated with online delivery of certain training required for medication attendants. 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the only types of courses for medication attendants that the study requested in this Resolution shall consider for potential online 7 8 delivery shall be those designated as classroom theory and re-certification courses. 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study called for in this 10 Resolution, the department shall engage and obtain information and recommendations from 11 at least two certified medication attendants and at least two providers of medication 12 attendant training. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall issue a written report of 14 findings from the study called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on Health and 15 Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare no later than sixty days prior to 16 the convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 18 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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