

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOKES

ELDERLY: Requests a study concerning prevention of elder abuse

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult

3 services of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor, jointly,

4 to study means by which this state can reduce the incidence of elder abuse and to

5 report findings of the study to the House Committee on the Administration of

6 Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on Judiciary C, the legislative committees

7 on health and welfare, and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council.

8 WHEREAS, in the United States, hundreds of thousands of adults over the age of

9 sixty are abused, neglected, or financially exploited each year; collectively, these acts are

10 referred to as elder abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, various laws encompassed by the Louisiana Criminal Code, R.S. 14:1

12 et seq., criminalize abandonment, battery, exploitation, extortion, isolation, and sexual abuse

13 of the elderly; and

14 WHEREAS, the governor's office of elderly affairs provides a broad range of

15 services for senior citizens through the Area Agencies on Aging of this state; and

16 WHEREAS, among the major duties of the governor's office of elderly affairs is the

17 administration of the state's elderly protective services functions pursuant to the Adult

18 Protective Services Act, R.S. 15:1501 et seq.; and

19 WHEREAS, the office of aging and adult services of the Louisiana Department of

20 Health is responsible for the programs and functions of the department related to the

1 long-term care of the elderly and the protection and long-term care of persons with adult-
2 onset disabilities; and

3 WHEREAS, Louisiana treasures its elders, as they are the living heritage of our
4 families and our rich and wonderful culture; and

5 WHEREAS, ensuring the safety and well-being of our elders is a critical public
6 policy priority of this state.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 authorize and request the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult
9 services of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the legislative auditor, jointly, to study
10 means by which this state can reduce the incidence of elder abuse.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study requested in this
12 Resolution, the governor's office of elderly affairs, the office of aging and adult services, and
13 the legislative auditor shall engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective
14 from stakeholder groups as deemed necessary or appropriate by the executive director of the
15 governor's office of elderly affairs and the assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult
16 services.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the parties who coordinate the study called for
18 in this Resolution shall submit a written report of findings resulting from the study to the
19 House Committee on the Administration of Criminal Justice, the Senate Committee on
20 Judiciary C, the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health
21 and Welfare, and the Legislative Audit Advisory Council no later than sixty days prior to the
22 convening of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 executive director of the governor's office of elderly affairs, the secretary of the Louisiana
25 Department of Health, the legislative auditor, and each member of the Legislative Audit
26 Advisory Council.

DIGEST

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