

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

A RESOLUTION

To create a task force to study matters relating to establishing a single-source identification and benefit card system known as LaVerify for prevention of fraud in Medicaid enrollment and Medicaid point-of-service fraud, and to submit to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana a written report of findings and recommendations regarding actions necessary for creating and implementing the LaVerify system.

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana remains concerned about recent audit findings which suggest that enrollment fraud has occurred in the Medicaid program of this state; and

WHEREAS, also of concern are recent indictments and audit findings involving point-of-service Medicaid or medical service fraud committed by medical service providers; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid fraud drains this state of financial resources and thereby diminishes the ability of state government to fund critical operations; and

WHEREAS, fraud, waste, and abuse in Medicaid negatively impact the relationship and standing of this state with the federal government and jeopardize potential federal funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's fiscal condition may improve if the state implements and fully utilizes technology that reduces fraud in Medicaid enrollment and Medicaid point-of-service fraud; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives, as the chamber of this legislature responsible for the filing of annual appropriations bills to fund the operating expenses of state government, recognizes the importance of fiscal responsibility and governmental efficiency and now seeks to study possibilities for reducing duplication in state government

processes and mandates through the implementation of single-source fraud prevention technology; and

WHEREAS, point-of-service fraud prevention technology may be of use in different applications throughout the agencies and departments of this state, including in the areas of law enforcement, security, identification, regulatory compliance, and other functions; and

WHEREAS, because there exists an urgent need for a comprehensive review of fraud prevention strategies currently used in identifying fraud in Medicaid enrollment and medical point-of-service fraud, it is appropriate to call for a study on the benefits of implementing a single-source state benefit card system, LaVerify, with point-of-user fraud protection technology for the prevention of fraud in Medicaid and other state-funded programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study matters relating to establishing a single-source identification and benefit card system known as LaVerify for prevention of fraud in Medicaid enrollment and Medicaid point-of-service fraud.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the following members:

- (1) The commissioner of administration or his designee.
- (2) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue or his designee.
- (3) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- (4) The secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services or his designee.
- (5) The attorney general or his designee.
- (6) A member representing LaVerify.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene and hold its first meeting on or before August 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at its initial meeting, the members of the task force shall elect from their number a chairperson and vice chairperson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a report of its findings resulting from the study called for in this Resolution to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana on or before February 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Revenue, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, and the attorney general.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES