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**HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 201** 

BY REPRESENTATIVE FISHER

HEALTH SERVICES: Creates a subcommittee to study the effectiveness of sickle cell healthcare treatment practices in this state

A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare to create 3 a subcommittee to study the effectiveness of sickle cell healthcare treatment 4 practices in this state. 5 WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), there is an 6 estimated eighty infants born with sickle cell disease in Louisiana each year; and 7 WHEREAS, the Medicaid program in Louisiana provides healthcare coverage to 8 approximately three thousand patients with sickle cell disease in the state each year; and 9 WHEREAS, health outcomes for individuals with sickle cell disease are far worse 10 compared to those individuals living without the disease; and 11 WHEREAS, patients with sickle cell disease experience shorter life expectancies, a 12 higher rate of stroke, and longer wait times to see physicians and receive medications; and 13 WHEREAS, as it relates to hospitalization statistics, patients with sickle cell disease 14 commonly return to the hospital within a thirty-day time period from being discharged; and 15 WHEREAS, according to LDH, the goal of the business plan for the 2023-2024 16 Fiscal Year is to build the foundations for the healthcare systems to monitor the health of 17 patients with sickle cell disease in this state and to allow such patients to reach their fullest 18 health potential; and 19 WHEREAS, in an effort to foster a more efficient system to care for the patients with 20 sickle cell disease in this state, the Legislature of Louisiana enacted Act No. 647 of the 2022 21 Regular Session; and

1	WHEREAS, Act No. 647 of the 2022 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature
2	charged the Louisiana Department of Health to develop the Louisiana Sickle Cell Disease
3	(SCD) Registry, known as the Skylar-Cooper Database; and
4	WHEREAS, the steering committee for the registry conducted an assessment and
5	provided recommendations in furtherance of developing the registry; and
6	WHEREAS, while such efforts from the Legislature of Louisiana have contributed
7	to the advancement of sickle cell healthcare programs, it is the duty of the legislators in this
8	state to ensure the effectiveness of such efforts.
9	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the chairman of the House Committee
11	on Health and Welfare to form a subcommittee to study the effectiveness of sickle cell
12	healthcare treatment practices in this state.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on Health
14	and Welfare or his designee shall serve as chairman of the subcommittee at its initial
15	meeting to be held before September 15, 2023.
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the subcommittee
17	established by this Resolution shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare
18	and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report of its findings and
19	recommendations.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

## **DIGEST**

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