

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 325

BY REPRESENTATIVE STAGNI

INSURANCE/GROUP: 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

1 A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DIGEST

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