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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY SENATOR CHEEK

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Requests the Dept. of Health & Hospitals to study and/or consider a provision of providing non-emergency transportation for new mothers to allow them to visit the hospital and bring their breast milk for their babies.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study and consider a
3 provision which provides non-emergency transportation for new mothers to allow
4 them to visit the hospital and bring their breast milk for their babies.

5 WHEREAS, human milk is the best possible food for the human baby; and

6 WHEREAS, breast milk benefits the health, growth, immunity, and development of
7 babies by providing appropriate levels of protein, carbohydrates, lipids, micro-nutrients,
8 vitamins and water; and

9 WHEREAS, mothers of premature babies produce breast milk that is specifically
10 designed to meet the particular needs of such babies; and

11 WHEREAS, infants who are born prematurely or are seriously ill especially need this
12 enhanced nutrition to help their growth and development; and

13 WHEREAS, most if not all neonatal intensive care units in the state urge new
14 mothers to provide breast milk for the babies in those units; and

15 WHEREAS, providing breast milk for these premature and seriously ill infants
16 presents special challenges as the mother must express the milk and bring it to the hospital
17 following her discharge; and

18 WHEREAS, some new mothers have serious transportation limitations that make

1 visiting their newborns and bringing their expressed breast milk very difficult.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals study the costs and
4 benefits associated with providing a provision of non-emergency transportation for these
5 new mothers to allow them to visit the hospital and bring their breast milk for their babies.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 Department of Health and Hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Greg Waddell.

DIGEST

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