

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

BY SENATOR CHEEK

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, some new mothers have serious transportation limitations that make visiting their newborns and bringing their expressed breast milk very difficult.

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE