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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 53

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

MEDICAID: Urges and requests the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Education to study jointly the feasibility of utilizing Medicaid funds to fund more school nurse positions

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of
3 Education to study jointly the feasibility and advisability of funding more school
4 nurse positions through the Medicaid program and to report their study findings to
5 the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and
6 Welfare, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on
7 Education prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature.

8 WHEREAS, there are approximately sixty thousand registered nurses in the United
9 States public school system who care for more than fifty-two million students; and

10 WHEREAS, research has shown that school districts with adequate nursing coverage
11 have fewer absences, higher test scores, and a decreased dropout rate; and

12 WHEREAS, increasing numbers of students enter schools with chronic health
13 conditions that require management during the school day; and

14 WHEREAS, school nurses contribute to the health and well-being of all students and
15 school staff by offering health information, health instruction, and quality health services;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the school nurse has a crucial role in the seamless provision of
18 comprehensive health services and coordinated care to students, and comprehensive and
19 coordinated health care is necessary to ensure that Louisiana's children are as healthy as
20 possible so that they may succeed in school.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals and the Department of Education
3 to study jointly the feasibility and advisability of funding more school nurse positions
4 through the Medicaid program and to report their study findings to the House Committee on
5 Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee
6 on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the beginning of the 2012
7 Regular Session of the Legislature.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the superintendent of the
10 Department of Education.

DIGEST

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