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## DIGEST

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HCR No. 78

Creates a study committee to study and make recommendations with respect to the detection and prevention of cardiac arrest in young athletes and to study the feasibility of requiring all high school and collegiate athletes to be screened for early detection of heart disease. Specifies that the study committee be composed of five members as follows:

- (1) A member of the La. High School Athletics Association appointed by the executive director of the association.
- (2) A cardiovascular physician approved by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners and appointed by the executive director of the board.
- (3) The secretary of the La. Dept. of Health and Hospitals or his designee.
- (4) A member of the La. Athletics Trainer's Association, Inc., appointed by the president of the association.
- (5) A member of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports appointed by the director of the council.

Requires the secretary of health and hospitals or his designee to convene the first meeting of the study committee and to designate staff of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to assist the study committee in performing its duties.

Specifies that members of the study committee serve without compensation.

Requires the study committee to meet as necessary and report its findings to the legislature not later than Feb. 1, 2013.

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original resolution.

1. Modifies a provision of the study to properly reflect that the study committee should study the feasibility of requiring all collegiate athletes be screened for early detection of heart disease.

2. Makes technical changes.

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the engrossed resolution.

1. Removes provisions specifying that a member of each of the House and Senate health and welfare committees serve on the study committee.
2. Removes provisions concerning reimbursement and per diem and specifies that members of the study committee serve without compensation.

3. Adds provisions specifying that high school athletes be considered in the study.
4. Adds provisions requiring the secretary of health and hospitals or his designee to convene the first meeting of the study committee and to designate staff of the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to assist the study committee in performing its duties.