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Regular Session, 2013

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR AMEDEE

STATE DEPARTMENTS. Requests the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to study the issues relative to the merger of one or more state departments.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the
3	House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a
4	joint committee to study the issues relative to the merger of one or more state
5	departments.
6	WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1(B) of the Louisiana Constitution limits the number
7	of executive branch departments to no more than twenty departments; and
8	WHEREAS, for several years, the state has been wrestling with yearly budget
9	deficits and mid-year budget cuts; and
10	WHEREAS, higher education and health care have suffered the brunt of these mid-
11	year budget reductions; and
12	WHEREAS, the legislature is obligated to find further efficiencies, savings, and
13	methods to streamline state programs and services.
14	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15	urge and request the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs and the House
16	Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to meet and function as a joint committee
17	to study the issues relative to the merger of one or more state departments.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall specifically solicit

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1	input, recommendations, and advice from the following:		
2	(1) The governor.		
3	(2) The commissioner of administration.		
4	(3) The Civil Service Commission.		
5	(4) The head of each department in the executive branch of state	government.	
6	(5) The president of the Senate.		
7	(6) The speaker of the House of Representatives.		
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the joint committee shall report	its findings to	
9	the legislature no later than February 1, 2014.		
10	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the		
11	governor, the commissioner of administration, the Civil Service Commission, the head of		
12	each department in the executive branch of state government, the president of the Senate,		
13	and the speaker of the House of Representatives.		

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

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## DIGEST

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