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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 62

BY SENATOR MILLS

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MEDICAID. Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine to pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service.

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## 2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a 3 Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine for pregnant women and to provide a cost 4 5 analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service. WHEREAS, pertussis, more commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly 6 7 contagious bacterial disease that is potentially fatal to infants; and 8 WHEREAS, although many childhood diseases have been nearly eliminated by 9 vaccinations, incidences of pertussis among adults, adolescents, and young infants have 10 increased sharply over the past decade; and WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2013 Provisional 11 Pertussis Surveillance Report found one hundred sixty-six cases of pertussis in Louisiana 12 13 that could have been prevented through the administration of a Tdap vaccine; and 14 WHEREAS, while most infants are given immunizations against pertussis, they do not begin the series of vaccinations until they are two months of age and are probably not 15 protected until they have had at least three doses; and 16 WHEREAS, unvaccinated adults and adolescents can contract and spread this serious 17 18 disease without realizing it, as the symptoms in an adult may resemble a common cold or

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WHEREAS, research has shown that up to eighty percent of babies catch pertussis
from family members, usually a parent; and

WHEREAS, the spread of pertussis may be limited by increasing the vaccination rate among pregnant women, parents, and family members; and

WHEREAS, Act No. 159 of the 2013 Regular Session requires a hospital to offer the Tdap vaccination to each parent of a newborn infant prior to discharge from the hospital; and

WHEREAS, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends pregnant women receive the Tdap vaccination during pregnancy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to seek a Medicaid state plan amendment from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include as a Medicaid service the Tdap vaccine for pregnant women and to provide a cost analysis to the legislature for providing this Medicaid service.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

## DIGEST

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