

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

BY SENATOR MILLS

HEALTH CARE. Directs DHH to create a working group to study the future of state health care funding.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a working group to study the future of health care funding in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, disproportionate share dollars from the federal government will be decreasing in future years; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Louisiana has made changes to the delivery of health care through the establishing of hospital public-private partnerships and establishing Medicaid managed care; and

WHEREAS, developing a comprehensive financial plan to pay for health care services in the upcoming years with decreasing federal financial support is a prudent and responsible step.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to create a working group to study and research the future of health care funding in Louisiana and report its findings to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall be staffed by the Department of Health and Hospitals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group be comprised of the

1 following members:

2 (1) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

3 (2) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans or his
4 designee.

5 (3) The executive director of the Louisiana Hospital Association or his designee.

6 (4) The chief executive of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.

7 (5) The president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his
8 designee.

9 (6) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his
10 designee.

11 (7) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare or his designee.

12 (8) The chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Health and Welfare
13 or his designee.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working group shall serve
15 without compensation except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
16 individually entitled as members of their organizations.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Health and
18 Hospitals or his designee shall serve as the chairperson of the working group.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the working group shall call
20 the first meeting of the working group no later than September 1, 2014.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership of the
22 working group shall constitute a quorum of the working group, and any official action by the
23 working group shall require an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and
24 voting.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group may conduct such meetings
26 at such times as it deems necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and
27 effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this
28 Resolution.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall make a report of its
30 work and findings and shall submit the report to the legislature no later than sixty days prior

1 to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the legislature.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative authority for the working group
3 shall terminate on March 1, 2015.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the executive director of the Louisiana
6 Association of Health Plans, the executive director of the Louisiana Hospital Association,
7 the chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the president of the Public
8 Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, and the executive director of the Louisiana Nursing
9 Home Association.

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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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Adds to the working group:

The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association
or his designee.

The chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare or his
designee.

The chairman of the House of Representatives Committee on Health
and Welfare or his designee.