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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITNEY

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Urges and requests the Louisiana Workforce Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Hospitals, to develop a referral process for the rehabilitation of unemployment insurance applicants who were discharged from previous employment due to unlawful drug use

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission, in consultation with the
3 Department of Health and Hospitals, to develop a referral process for the
4 rehabilitation of unemployment insurance applicants who were discharged from
5 previous employment due to drug use.

6 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes the importance of ensuring that
7 the citizens of our state are ready to work and live free of drug dependence; and

8 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the people of Louisiana that the population
9 of our state be free of physical and mental impairments associated with drug dependence;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the importance of a safe and drug-free
12 workforce; and

13 WHEREAS, drug abuse creates significant workplace safety and health hazards and
14 can result in decreased productivity, more injuries on the job, and an increased cost to
15 employers; and

16 WHEREAS, in all cases of employment separation, the Louisiana Workforce
17 Commission requests the reason of separation for unemployment insurance applicants,
18 which makes the agency aware of drug-related discharges; and

1 WHEREAS, the office of behavioral health within the Department of Health and
2 Hospitals ensures care and support to improve quality of life for people with mental illness
3 and addictive disorders; and

4 WHEREAS, cooperation between the Louisiana Workforce Commission and the
5 Department of Health and Hospitals to refer persons in need to appropriate programs will
6 maximize the resources of state government to create a safe and sober workforce; and

7 WHEREAS, upon successful rehabilitation, people with addictive disorders can
8 reenter the workforce of Louisiana as productive citizens.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Workforce
11 Commission, in consultation with the Department of Health and Hospitals, to develop a
12 referral process for the rehabilitation of unemployment insurance applicants who were
13 discharged from previous employment due to drug use.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 Louisiana Workforce Commission and the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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