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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY SENATOR BROOME

HEALTH CARE. Requests the Capital Area Human Services District develop a crisis stabilization unit for the Capital Region.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Capital Area Human Services District to develop and operate a
3	crisis stabilization unit to serve the Capital Region and to urge community leaders,
4	local governments of the Capital Region, the state, and healthcare providers to
5	collaborate, identify, and develop a blended approach to finance services provided
6	by the crisis stabilization unit to individuals without a payor source or a means to pay
7	for their mental health care.
8	WHEREAS, the closure of the mental health emergency room extension (MHERE)
9	in the Capital Region has had an extensive impact on numerous public and private services
10	in the region; and
11	WHEREAS, the MHERE was a specialized unit that was a national model for
12	stabilizing individuals in a mental health crisis; and
13	WHEREAS, inherent in the design of the MHERE was the goal of stabilizing the
14	crisis and linking the individual to ongoing care in the community; and
15	WHEREAS, the MHERE was developed in collaboration with several
16	knowledgeable community groups; and
17	WHEREAS, the MHERE unit consisted of an average ten beds to stabilize
18	individuals in behavioral health crises (mental health, addictive disorders, and

1 developmental disabilities); and 2 WHEREAS, once an individual was medically cleared in the main emergency 3 department, specialized staff screened, assessed, stabilized, and initiated treatment in the 4 MHERE; and WHEREAS, the MHERE provided clinicians time for diagnostic clarity, observation, 5 6 developing alternatives to inpatient admission, medication management, and time to develop 7 a discharge plan for ongoing treatment in the community; and 8 WHEREAS, the MHERE unit outperformed expectations and served three thousand 9 four hundred individuals; and WHEREAS, the closure of the MHERE unit last year had immediate repercussions 10 11 on Capital Region hospitals and negatively impacted local and state budgets; and 12 WHEREAS, hospital emergency departments, law enforcement, the judiciary, and 13 others are attempting to keep up with an increased demand now placed on them; and 14 WHEREAS, fifty percent of the individuals utilizing the MHERE had Medicaid or 15 private insurance, and the other fifty percent were indigent; and 16 WHEREAS, the Capital Area Human Services District believes a replacement for the MHERE is necessary and seeks to create a crisis stabilization unit to replace the 17 18 MHERE; and 19 WHEREAS, the crisis stabilization unit will coordinate services, transfer and 20 discharge planning to ensure an individual's compliance with continued care, and assign a 21 contract monitor to ensure services are provided within established licensure guidelines and 22 appropriate billing standards; and 23 WHEREAS, the Capital Area Human Services District will monitor the services for 24 compliance and will provide a crisis stabilization team to coordinate discharge or transfer 25 to the appropriate level of care and referrals to community resources. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 26 27 urge and request the Capital Area Human Services District to develop and operate a crisis stabilization unit to serve the Capital Region and to urge community leaders, local 28 29 governments of the Capital Region, the state, and healthcare providers to collaborate to 30 identify and develop a blended approach to finance services provided by the crisis

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- 1 stabilization unit to individuals without a payor source or a means to pay for their care.
  - BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 3 Capital Area Human Services District and the Capital Region Legislative Delegation.

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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