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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 42

BY SENATORS THOMPSON, WHITE, KOSTELKA AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES CHANEY AND JACKSON

HEALTH SERVICES. Authorizes and directs the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) to organize and facilitate a working group of healthcare providers who deal with victims of trauma to develop recommendations for a Level III Trauma Center in Northeast Louisiana.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION	
2	To authorize and direct the Louisiana Emergency Response Network (LERN) to organize	
3	and facilitate a working group of healthcare providers who deal with victims of	
4	trauma to develop recommendations for a Level III Trauma Center in Northeast	
5	Louisiana.	
6	WHEREAS, throughout the state an ongoing need exists to improve the quality of	
7	care delivered to trauma victims; however, the need is especially critical in the northeastern	
8	part of the state, designated by the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) as Region	
9	Eight, where no centers verified by the American College of Surgeons as Level III are	
10	located; and	
11	WHEREAS, the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma, recommends	
12	that all organized trauma systems focus on the goal of providing broad coverage based upon	
13	the "golden hour" concept referring to the critical first hour following injury; and	
14	WHEREAS, in 2014, over fifty percent of LERN-identified trauma victims in Region	
15	Eight were transferred out of the region, with the vast majority transferred to Shreveport for	
16	treatment, creating extended transfer time, often beyond the optimal "golden hour"; and	
17	WHEREAS, LERN is an agency of state government created by the legislature in	
18	2004 and charged with the responsibility of developing and maintaining a statewide system	

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1 2 of care coordination for patients suddenly stricken by serious traumatic injury or time-sensitive illness; and

- WHEREAS, the establishment of a data registry to track the outcomes for victims of trauma in the region would be an integral component of any region-wide effort to better outcomes through the establishment of a Level III Trauma center in the region.
- 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 7 establish and create the Region Eight Trauma Center Work Group to study and recommend 8 steps to improve the outcomes for trauma victims in the northeastern region of the state 9 through the establishment of a Level III Trauma Center in the region and to establish a data 10 registry to track the outcomes of victims of trauma in the region.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, prior to July 15, 2015, the executive director of LERN shall notify the primary trauma network providers of the goals of the work group and the process of naming representatives and reporting those names to the executive director of LERN.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each of the following groups shall notify the executive director of LERN, in writing no later than August 15, 2015, of the selection of one representative who will be a voting member of the work group. Each group shall also name a designee who can attend the meetings when the selected representative is unable to attend. The groups are as follows:
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(1) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center/E.A. Conway Medical Center in Monroe, Louisiana.

- 22 (2) Louisiana State University Shreveport Medical Center.
- 23 (3) St. Francis Medical Center in Monroe, Louisiana.
- 24 (4) Glenwood Regional Medical Center in West Monroe, Louisiana.
- 25 (5) LERN Region Eight Commission.
- 26 (6) Emergency Medical Services providers who shall select a single member among
 27 the numerous providers serving Region Eight.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LERN will coordinate meetings, provide minutes of the meetings, and conduct all administrative duties as requested by the work group.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the representatives serving on the work group 1 2 shall serve without compensation, unless the appointing group determines to pay the 3 representative a per diem or travel expenses. 4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director of LERN, who shall serve as chairperson for the work group, shall call the first meeting of the group no later than 5 6 September 1, 2015, and the work group shall have a minimum of four meetings. 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LERN shall provide any information obtained 8 from the American College of Surgeons or other emergency response networks from around 9 the country that would appear useful to the work group or is requested by the work group. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Region Eight Trauma Center Work Group 10 11 shall present its written report to the executive director of LERN, on or before January 1, 12 2016. Such report shall detail the recommended steps, a timeline, and a list of the resources 13 necessary to improving trauma outcomes in northeastern Louisiana through the 14 establishment of a Level III Trauma Center in the region and the establishment of a data 15 registry in order to track the outcomes for trauma victims in the area. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 16 executive director of LERN. 17

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary O'Brien.

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