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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

HEALTH SERVICES: Creates a study committee to evaluate and make recommendations concerning Louisiana's system of healthcare delivery

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To create a study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery,
3	and to require the committee to report findings and recommendations concerning this
4	system to the legislature.
5	WHEREAS, significant changes in healthcare delivery and financing in this state
6	have occurred over a brief span of time in the past several years; and
7	WHEREAS, these changes include the implementation of federally instituted reforms
8	since 2010 that are reshaping the way many Americans access and finance their health care;
9	the establishment in 2011 and rapid expansion since that time of a managed care system
10	within Louisiana's medical assistance program; and the privatization of nine of the ten
11	hospitals comprising the state's safety net hospital system since 2012; and
12	WHEREAS, the legislature has received conflicting information during this period
13	concerning whether overall access to healthcare in this state is expanding or diminishing, and
14	whether the level of care now available to Louisiana citizens is adequate or insufficient,
15	resulting from the transformation of our state's healthcare system; and
16	WHEREAS, as evidenced by the passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111
17	of the 2012 Regular Session calling for annual reporting on measures which could improve
18	Louisiana's low standing in the annual "America's Health Rankings" report, and by
19	numerous other legislative instruments calling for studies and reports on disease prevention
20	and treatment and other means of improving health outcomes, the legislature has an ongoing
21	and deep concern for the health status and well-being of the people of this state; and

1	WHEREAS, to date, no objective evaluation has been conducted on the statewide
2	impact of the ongoing healthcare system transformation Louisiana is experiencing; and
3	WHEREAS, empirical research findings of a study of this type would be an
4	invaluable resource for informing efforts by the legislature to craft policies that support the
5	access to and quality of health care that the citizens of our state deserve.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7	create a study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall be composed of the
9	following members:
10	(1) The chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New
11	Orleans or his designee.
12	(2) The chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at
13	Shreveport or his designee.
14	(3) The dean of the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy
15	or his designee.
16	(4) One member representing the bureau of health services financing of the
17	Department of Health and Hospitals, appointed by the secretary of the department.
18	(5) One member representing the office of public health of the Department of Health
19	and Hospitals, appointed by the secretary of the department.
20	(6) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.
21	(7) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans or his
22	designee.
23	(8) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his
24	designee.
25	(9) The president of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians or his designee.
26	(10) The executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association or his
27	designee.
28	(11) The executive director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association or his
29	designee.

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1	(12) The president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association		
2	or his designee.		
3	(13) The executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, Inc., or his designee.		
4	(14) One member representing Navigators for a Healthy Louisiana.		
5	(15) The president of the Louisiana Center for Health Equity or his designee.		
6	(16) One member representing the Campaign for Healthcare for Everyone -		
7	Louisiana.		
8	(17) The executive director of the Advocacy Center or his designee.		
9	(18) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his		
10	designee.		
11	(19) Six healthcare consumer advocates in the number of one advocate apiece from		
12	each congressional district of Louisiana, appointed by the president of the Louisiana Center		
13	for Health Equity.		
14	(20) The director of the Louisiana State University Public Policy Research Lab or		
15	his designee.		
16	(21) The director of the Louisiana Budget Project or his designee.		
17	(22) The dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee.		
18	(23) The president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners or his		
19	designee.		
20	(24) The chairperson of Medicine Louisiana or his designee.		
21	(25) The chairperson of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council or his		
22	designee.		
23	(26) One member representing the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.		
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in evaluating Louisiana's healthcare system, the		
25	study committee shall examine issues related to statewide health services availability,		
26	delivery, quality, and financing that include, without limitation, the following:		
27	(1) The financial condition of the state's healthcare delivery system.		
28	(2) Comparative access to healthcare by Louisianians of different income levels,		
29	demographic groups, and geographic locations.		
30	(3) Stability and continuity of care.		

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(4) Health system capacity, including but not limited to the capacity of the state's
 healthcare workforce.

3 (5) Healthcare quality and health outcomes, with a focus on any innovations and best
4 practices which may improve these factors.

5 (6) The degree to which healthcare delivery is people-centered and consumer-6 oriented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Louisiana Center for Health
Equity shall take such actions as are necessary to ensure that the study committee convenes
on or before August 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at its initial meeting, the study committee members shall elect a chairperson, and shall adopt rules of procedure and any other policies as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2016, the study
 committee shall submit to the legislature a report of its progress and preliminary findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before August 1, 2016, the study committee shall submit to the legislature a final report comprising an evaluation of Louisiana's system of healthcare delivery and recommendations for improving the state's healthcare system such that it can better meet the needs of Louisiana citizens.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 20 chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the 21 chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the dean of 22 the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy, the secretary of the 23 Department of Health and Hospitals, the commissioner of insurance, the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans, the chief executive officer of the 24 25 Louisiana State Medical Society, the president of the Louisiana Academy of Family 26 Physicians, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the executive 27 director of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the president and chief executive officer of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the executive director of the Rural Hospital Coalition, 28 29 Inc., the director of Navigators for a Healthy Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Center for Health Equity, the director of the Campaign for Healthcare for Everyone -30

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 Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the director of the Louisiana State University Public
 Policy Research Lab, the director of the Louisiana Budget Project, the dean of the Tulane
 University School of Medicine, the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse
 Practitioners, the chairperson of Medicine Louisiana, the chairperson of the Louisiana
 Behavioral Health Advisory Council, and the executive director of the Louisiana Physical
 Therapy Association.

DIGEST

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Creates a 31-member study committee to evaluate La.'s statewide system of healthcare delivery and requires the committee to report findings and recommendations to the legislature.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Delete from the study committee membership the executive director of the Community and Residential Services Association of La. or his designee.
- 2. Add the following members to the study committee:
 - (a) The executive director of the Advocacy Center or his designee.
 - (b) The director of the La. Budget Project or his designee.
 - (c) The dean of the Tulane University School of Medicine or his designee.
 - (d) The president of the La. Association of Nurse Practitioners or his designee.
 - (e) The chairperson of Medicine La. or his designee.
- 3. Delete provisions authorizing the La. Center for Health Equity to receive and expend any funds as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the study committee.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

- 1. Add the following members to the study committee:
 - (a) The chairperson of the Louisiana Behavioral Health Advisory Council or his designee.
 - (b) One member representing the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.