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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

HEALTH CARE: Requests a study of prospective changes to La. statutes and policies which could reduce the incidence of fetal exposure to controlled dangerous substances and alcohol

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study prospective changes
3 to Louisiana statutes and policies which could reduce the incidence of fetal exposure
4 to controlled dangerous substances and alcohol and to report its findings to the
5 legislative committees on health and welfare.

6 WHEREAS, a child subjected prenatally to controlled dangerous substances or
7 alcohol has no ability to care for himself; and

8 WHEREAS, studies show that a child exposed to drugs or alcohol in utero can have
9 serious and lifelong effects, including but not limited to conduct disorder, attachment
10 disorder, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, anger management issues, and learning
11 disorders; and

12 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana expends significant resources annually providing
13 assistance to those caring for a drug- or alcohol-exposed child; and

14 WHEREAS, every child has the right to a quality of life not impaired by fetal
15 exposure to drugs or alcohol; and

16 WHEREAS, pregnant mothers should be advised by health care providers of the
17 dangers of any drug or alcohol use during pregnancy.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
19 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study prospective changes to

1 Louisiana statutes and policies which could reduce the incidence of fetal exposure to
2 controlled dangerous substances and alcohol.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide its findings in the
4 form of a report to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee
5 on Health and Welfare on or before December 31, 2012.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
7 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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Requests a study by the Dept. of Health and Hospitals of prospective changes to La. statutes and policies which could reduce the incidence of fetal exposure to controlled dangerous substances and alcohol.

Requests that the department report its findings to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before Dec. 1, 2012.