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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 163

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

CORRECTIONS/PRISONERS: Requests the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to study the feasibility and effectiveness of establishing a bone marrow testing program for incarcerated persons

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the feasibility
3 and effectiveness of establishing a procedure for allowing persons under the custody
4 of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to participate in bone marrow
5 testing and for creating incentives to encourage participation.

6 WHEREAS, bone marrow transplantation is a relatively new medical procedure
7 being used to treat diseases once thought incurable. Since its first successful use in 1968,
8 bone marrow transplants have been used to treat patients diagnosed with leukemia, aplastic
9 anemia, lymphomas such as Hodgkin's disease, multiple myeloma, immune deficiency
10 disorders, and some solid tumors such as breast and ovarian cancer; and

11 WHEREAS, the first step in a successful bone marrow transplant procedure is to
12 locate a donor whose blood cells closely match that of the patient, which is done by tissue
13 typing prospective donors; and

14 WHEREAS, a patient's siblings each have a twenty-five percent chance of being a
15 tissue type match, less commonly, a parent may match the patient; and

16 WHEREAS, if a related donor is not available, then a search for a compatible,
17 unrelated donor is performed through the National Marrow Donor Program; and

18 WHEREAS, finding bone marrow donor matches is critical for saving lives and
19 providing effective treatment for patients who may have no other treatment options; and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and Corrections is charged with
2 housing many individuals who may want to participate in the National Bone Marrow
3 Program; and

4 WHEREAS, those individuals provide additional opportunities for finding matches
5 with patients who were otherwise unsuccessful in finding compatible donors; and

6 WHEREAS, incentives to encourage participation in the National Bone Marrow
7 Program may be utilized to benefit both the patient and the donor.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to study the feasibility and
10 effectiveness of establishing a procedure for allowing persons under the custody of the
11 Department of Public Safety and Corrections to participate in bone marrow testing and for
12 creating incentives to encourage participation.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
14 work in conjunction with the Department of Health and Hospitals and any other entities or
15 individuals it deems necessary to conduct this study.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety and Corrections
17 shall provide a written report of its findings to the Legislature of Louisiana on or before
18 February 1, 2013.

DIGEST

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Requests DPS&C to study the feasibility and effectiveness of establishing a procedure for allowing persons under the custody of DPS&C to participate in bone marrow testing and for creating incentives to encourage participation.