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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 208

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

HUMAN SERVICES/OFFICE: Urges and requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop a formula that demonstrates an equitable funding distribution for the human service districts and authorities

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop a formula that
3 demonstrates an equitable funding distribution for the human service districts and
4 authorities and report on the formula to the Legislature of Louisiana no later than
5 January 1, 2015.

6 WHEREAS, human service districts and authorities are local governmental entities
7 governed by a local board of directors that provide local access to certain programs and
8 services, including behavioral health services and services for individuals with
9 developmental disabilities; and

10 WHEREAS, there are currently ten human service districts and authorities created
11 in law; and

12 WHEREAS, each parish in Louisiana is now represented by one of the ten human
13 service districts and authorities; and

14 WHEREAS, the populations served vary among the human service districts and
15 authorities; and

16 WHEREAS, the services and programs available in each region of the state vary
17 among the human service districts and authorities; and

18 WHEREAS, each human service district and authority receives funding from various
19 sources, including line item amendments in the General Appropriation Bill that has resulted
20 in additional funding to certain districts and authorities over the years; and

1 WHEREAS, the recommended budgets for each human service district and authority
2 in the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Executive Budget range from \$12 million to \$29 million; and

3 WHEREAS, allocation of grants and funding for specific services to each human
4 service district and authority varies, for example, allocation of a substance abuse block grant
5 ranges from \$509,000 to \$3.8 million.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to develop a formula that
8 demonstrates an equitable funding distribution for the human service districts and
9 authorities.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals should
11 report on the formula to fund human service districts and authorities to the Legislature of
12 Louisiana no later than January 1, 2015.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report shall include comment from each
14 human service district and authority regarding the formula, an explanation of the variables
15 selected, and a process for review and revision of the formula every two years.

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

DIGEST

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