

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22

BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To continue and provide with respect to the study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

WHEREAS, through House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 Regular Session, the legislature formed a special study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery and to report findings concerning this system; and

WHEREAS, the study committee is composed of members who, individually and collectively, possess significant expertise in major aspects of the state's healthcare system such as direct provision of health services, healthcare financing, development of the healthcare workforce, and public health advocacy; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the study committee has held regular public meetings to examine the financial condition of the state's healthcare delivery system, evaluate issues related to healthcare access, assess overall health system capacity including the capacity of the state's healthcare workforce, identify innovations and best practices which may improve healthcare quality and health outcomes, and fulfill other purposes as provided in its authorizing resolution; and

WHEREAS, considering the rapid transformation of Louisiana's health system that has occurred since 2012 and the magnitude of health system reforms which the state is now poised to implement, the efforts of this study committee are vitally important at present and will remain so in the near term; and

WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, continuation of this study committee's efforts is a priority of the legislature.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the study committee to evaluate Louisiana's statewide system of healthcare delivery created by House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the study committee shall continue through December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the purposes of the study committee shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 Regular Session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the study committee shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 170 of the 2015 Regular Session with the addition of the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance or his designee as a committee member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is hereby authorized to receive and expend funds, through any member organization selected by the committee to act as a fiscal agent, as may be necessary to carry out its legislatively provided functions, including but not limited to funding provided by contract or other agreement with the Department of Health and Hospitals; funds appropriated by the legislature, including any appropriation of federal funds; and any public or private donations, gifts, or grants from governmental sources, individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, or other business entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, the chancellor of Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, the dean of the Southern University Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy, the secretary of the 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 Louisiana State Medical Society, the president of the Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the executive 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, 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 - Louisiana, the executive director of the Advocacy Center, the executive director of the

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, the executive director of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, and the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Ambulance Alliance.

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