



1           WHEREAS, in 2008, over sixteen thousand persons were living with HIV/AIDS in  
2 Louisiana, with approximately eighty thousand six hundred with an AIDS diagnosis and one  
3 thousand one hundred new HIV diagnoses that year; and

4           WHEREAS, the state's HIV/AIDS epidemic will impact public health for decades  
5 as the lifetime cost for one AIDS patient is over one hundred thousand dollars, primarily  
6 paid by the government; and

7           WHEREAS, new cases of AIDS will obligate Louisiana to about one hundred  
8 twenty million dollars in future medical costs each year; and

9           WHEREAS, annual screening for these sexually transmitted diseases will help to  
10 detect them at an earlier stage, stemming their spread by providing for earlier, more effective  
11 treatment.

12           THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on  
13 Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance to meet and to function as a joint  
14 committee to study requiring health insurance coverage of an annual screening for sexually  
15 transmitted diseases and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior  
16 to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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