

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR DONAHUE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to study fully implementing the recommendations from the March 23, 2009, Interim LSU Public Hospital Financial and Operational Assessment performed by Alvarez and Marsal and to expand the findings to applications in all hospitals operated by the Louisiana State University System where it is found to be appropriate.

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana faces a severe decline in revenues through Fiscal Year 2012 which, if no corrective action is taken, will leave a significant funding gap in state government expenditures and will create serious sustainability issues in financing state obligations; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the state act now to reduce the cost of state government through all means available, including efficiencies, economies, greater effectiveness, and other means to streamline government in order to overcome the projected severe revenue reductions occurring through 2012 and to ensure that available state tax dollars are being spent efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, in January 2009, the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College engaged Alvarez & Marsal to provide the services of an interim chief management officer and to lead and assist the Interim LSU Public Hospital with the analysis and evaluation of overall business operations; and

WHEREAS, Alvarez & Marsal conducted a financial and operational assessment of the Interim LSU Public Hospital of which recommendations were presented on March 23, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations of the Alvarez & Marsal financial and operational assessment identified many areas where state tax dollars could be spent more efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative and essential that the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors act now to reduce the cost of operating the Louisiana State University public hospitals through all means available, including efficiencies, economies, greater effectiveness, and other means which were identified in the recommendations made in the Alvarez & Marsal financial and operational assessment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors to study fully implementing the recommendations from the March 23, 2009, Interim LSU Public Hospital Financial and Operational Assessment performed by Alvarez and Marsal and to expand the findings to applications in all hospitals operated by the Louisiana State University System where it is found to be appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana State University Board of Supervisors and to the Vice President of the Office of Health Affairs and Medical Education within the Louisiana State University System Office.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES