

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

BY SENATOR MILLS

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to jointly study certain aspects of the administration of immunizations and to jointly present their findings to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

WHEREAS, it is of the utmost importance to the citizens of Louisiana that access to care is maximized to the greatest degree possible while still ensuring the highest degree of quality and competence from health care providers; and

WHEREAS, the administration of immunizations is one area where it is beneficial for further study so that the Senate and House committees on health and welfare can make sound recommendations and decisions as to whether an expanded array of health care providers should be allowed to administer immunizations in this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy to study certain aspects of the administration of immunizations and to jointly present their findings to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The scope and rate of CDC-recommended immunizations proactively administered by all health care providers, including specially trained pharmacists, in Louisiana. This shall be identified by provider type and by health care setting.

(2) A comprehensive list of allowable CDC-recommended immunizations administered in other states by various provider types.

(3) A comparison of immunization rates where pharmacists are able to administer such immunizations, comparing rates when a physician's prescription is required and where the same immunization may be administered under CDC protocol.

(4) A comprehensive review of accessibility issues in obtaining immunizations in various health care settings.

(5) A comprehensive review of the training which is available and its adequacy for non-physician immunizers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy study certain aspects of the administration of immunizations and jointly present their findings to the Senate and House committees on health and welfare no later than February 1, 2012.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, and the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE