

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY SENATOR RISER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the legislative auditor to study the feasibility and possible savings to the taxpayers if the state of Louisiana were to purchase a traditional fully insured private health insurance plan for state employees instead of continuing the current self-insured health plan administered by a third-party administrator.

WHEREAS, currently the state of Louisiana offers to its employees a self-insured health plan whereby the claims are paid by a third-party administrator but the risk for sickness and catastrophic illness is assumed by taxpayers of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, a traditional, fully insured private health insurance plan would allow the state and state employees to pay premiums to a private insurance company and the private insurance company would assume the risk and coverage for catastrophic illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Senate would be well served to know whether changing from the current self-insured health plan administered by a third-party administrator to a traditional fully insured private health insurance plan for state employees offering the same benefits would create a savings for the taxpayers and state workers who pay health insurance premiums.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the legislative auditor to study the feasibility and possible savings to the taxpayers if the state of Louisiana were to purchase a traditional fully insured private health insurance plan for state employees instead of continuing the current self-insured health plan administered by a third-party administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the legislative auditor.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE