

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATOR MILLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To request the law enforcement agencies of Louisiana to take advantage of the Attorney General's Drug Take Back Box program to receive free receptacles for the safe disposal of opioids.

WHEREAS, Attorney General Jeff Landry has partnered with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators to implement a Drug Take Back Box program to provide free receptacles to law enforcement for the safe disposal of opioids; and

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis has devastated thousands of families throughout Louisiana and millions of families nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a staggering sixty-five percent of all opioid addictions begin due to access to the drugs by friends, family, and acquaintances of the lawful prescription holder; and

WHEREAS, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration regulates the disposal of controlled dangerous substances; and

WHEREAS, only certain entities registered with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration are allowed to maintain a collection receptacle at their registered location; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies are allowable and authorized receptacle locations; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Landry has taken the lead on a multi-disciplinary approach to fighting the opioid epidemic by connecting the drop boxes made available free of charge by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana and the National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators to local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, as of April 2018, more than fifty-five law enforcement agencies in thirty-five parishes have taken advantage of the Drug Take Back Box program and now have a safe and easy way for Louisiana citizens to dispose of dangerous drugs and prevent them from being stolen, abused, or misused; and

WHEREAS, there are many parishes that have yet to take advantage of this most important resource to help get drugs off the streets; and

WHEREAS, Attorney General Landry is committed to fighting the crime and opioid epidemics plaguing our state, and he wants to do so in partnership with each of our sixty-four parishes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the law enforcement agencies of Louisiana to take advantage of the Attorney General's Drug Take Back Box program to receive free receptacles for the safe disposal of opioids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Sheriff's Association, Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana Municipal Association, and the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES