

1 accomplished in Louisiana if policymakers understand this state's substance use disorder
2 treatment needs and resources as they exist presently; and

3 WHEREAS, due to the abundance of specialized expertise among staff of the office
4 of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health, this office is uniquely qualified
5 to provide situational awareness to the legislature concerning substance use disorder
6 treatment capacity and unmet needs for such treatment in this state.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
8 urge and request the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health to
9 conduct a comprehensive, statewide assessment of this state's capacity and needs with
10 respect to substance use disorder treatment.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the assessment called for in this
12 Resolution, the office of behavioral health shall consider the current capacity of both
13 outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment providers as well as present levels
14 of unmet needs for outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health shall submit the
16 findings of the assessment called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to the House
17 Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the
18 David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days prior to the
19 convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report required by this Resolution shall
21 identify and discuss gaps in service delivery, propose means to ensure access to the full
22 continuum of recovery services throughout this state, and delineate a strategy for enhancing
23 substance use disorder treatment provider capacity statewide.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report required by this Resolution shall
25 include, without limitation, sections that address the following special topics:

26 (1) Costs and benefits associated with prioritizing nonprofit residential treatment
27 providers within future investments in Medicaid-funded substance use disorder treatment
28 capacity.

29 (2) Provider capacity and unmet needs associated with substance use disorder
30 treatment for adolescents.

1 (3) Provider capacity and unmet needs associated with substance use disorder
2 treatment for women with children.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study of substance use
4 disorder treatment capacity and needs called for in this Resolution, the office of behavioral
5 health shall engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from substance
6 use disorder treatment providers and provider agencies and shall provide documentation of
7 this engagement and collaboration in the report required by this Resolution.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health shall engage,
9 collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from the Department of Children
10 and Family Services in developing the sections of the report called for in this Resolution
11 concerning substance use disorder treatment needs of adolescents and of women with
12 children.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the secretary of the Department of
15 Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the office of behavioral health (OBH) of the La. Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive assessment of this state's capacity and needs with respect to substance use disorder treatment.

Requires OBH to report findings of the assessment to the legislative committees on health and welfare no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.