

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 240

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Creates a special study committee to study the preparation of fiscal notes

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a special study committee of the House of Representatives to study the preparation
3 of fiscal notes and to report its findings to the House of Representatives not later than
4 February 1, 2023.

5 WHEREAS, Joint Rule No. 4 requires and provides relative to the preparation of
6 fiscal notes for legislative instruments; and

7 WHEREAS, the Joint Rule provides that the legislative auditor prepares fiscal notes
8 for bills that involve expenditures of local governments or the funds of an entity that does
9 not receive an appropriation from the state and that the legislative fiscal office prepares
10 fiscal notes for other bills; and

11 WHEREAS, the Joint Rule provides that fiscal notes shall include a reliable estimate
12 of the fiscal effect of the measure and that the legislative officer to whom the request is made
13 is responsible for obtaining the information necessary to complete the fiscal note from the
14 agency or political subdivision or agency thereof best suited to furnish the information in the
15 judgment of the legislative officer; and

16 WHEREAS, the Joint Rule further provides whenever a measure requiring a fiscal
17 note has been reported by any committee of either house of the legislature without a fiscal
18 note, any member may, on third reading of such measure, offer a motion that the measure
19 be returned to the calendar; and

20 WHEREAS, Joint Rule No. 4 clearly indicates that the Legislature of Louisiana has
21 long held accurate fiscal information to be a critical element of the lawmaking process, and

1 in that light, it is appropriate to reevaluate the process by which fiscal notes are prepared in
2 order that legislators can remain confident that they are getting the best available information
3 regarding the fiscal impacts of legislation they are considering.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a special study committee of the House of
6 Representatives to study the preparation of fiscal notes and to report its findings to the House
7 of Representatives not later than February 1, 2023.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special study committee's membership shall
9 consist of the speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee, the speaker pro-
10 tempore of the House of Representatives or his designee, the chairman of the House
11 Committee on Appropriations, and two members of the House Committee on Appropriations
12 appointed by the chairman of the committee. The speaker shall designate one member of
13 the special study committee to serve as its chairman.

DIGEST

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