



1 WHEREAS, according to Healthline, minorities and women are more likely to be  
2 misdiagnosed; and

3 WHEREAS, there are many ways in which healthcare treatment facilities and  
4 learning institutions can aid in reducing the prevalence of physical and mental misdiagnosis;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, exploration of this subject matter on a state level can help medical  
7 professionals in Louisiana to improve health outcomes and reduce the risks associated with  
8 misdiagnosis; and

9 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the state of Louisiana acknowledge the severity of  
10 this issue and how it may impact women, people of color, rare disease patients, patients with  
11 co-occurring physical and mental health conditions, and other minority populations in the  
12 state.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
14 create and provide for the Task Force on Physical and Mental Health to study the  
15 inappropriate association of physical and mental health issues for patients in Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall have all of the following  
17 functions:

- 18 (1) To collect data relative to the inappropriate association of physical and  
19 mental health issues for patients in this state.
- 20 (2) To study and review the data collected.
- 21 (3) To use such data to determine whether this state should propose legislation  
22 relative to the inappropriate association of physical and mental health issues  
23 for patients in this state.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force established by this Resolution  
25 shall include representatives from the following organizations and professions:

- 26 (1) The Louisiana Department of Health.
- 27 (2) The Louisiana Department of Health office of behavioral health.
- 28 (3) The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.
- 29 (4) The Louisiana Hospital Association.
- 30 (5) The Louisiana State Nurses Association.

1 (6) The Louisiana State Medical Society.

2 (7) The Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall  
4 provide staff support for the task force.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the task force  
6 shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on  
7 Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report  
8 of its findings and recommendations.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
10 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the Louisiana  
11 Department of Health office of behavioral health, the president of the Louisiana State Board  
12 of Medical Examiners, the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the president of  
13 the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the president of the Louisiana State Medical Society,  
14 and the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

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