2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 107

## BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

HEALTH/CHILDREN: Urges and requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children

1	A RESOLUTION		
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study the feasibility of funding		
3	a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children who are		
4	tracheostomy patients.		
5	WHEREAS, over the last ten years, there has been a three hundred to five hundred		
6	percent increase in the use of tracheostomy for home care in children, as estimated by		
7	experts at Children's Hospital of New Orleans; and		
8	WHEREAS, pediatric tracheostomy patients at home face an estimated one percent		
9	per year risk of suffering a sudden death from a tracheostomy complication; and		
10	WHEREAS, there is a twenty percent overall mortality rate related to the globa		
11	health condition of patients affected by tracheostomy; and		
12	WHEREAS, although home care for tracheostomy can be supported by home health		
13	nursing, trained pediatric tracheostomy care nurses are exceptionally difficult to find		
14	regardless of insurance status; and		
15	WHEREAS, a remote home monitoring program that allows for continuous		
16	monitoring of patients at home could serve as a means to maintain the health and safety of		
17	technology-dependent children at home without the need of a home health nurse; and		
18	WHEREAS, the use of such technology could significantly reduce the number of		
19	hospitalizations of patients with tracheostomies; and		

1	WHEREAS, the average cost of hospitalization of such patients can cost thousands	
2	of dollars per day; and	
3	WHEREAS, the estimated cost of remote monitoring is two hundred eighty-five	
4	dollars per day; and	
5	WHEREAS, such technology is not only significantly cheaper than hospitalization	
6	but also allows patients to remain at home in the care of loved ones outside of a hospital	
7	setting, while also freeing up needed hospital beds for other patients.	
8	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the	
9	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health	
10	to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent	
11	children for tracheostomy.	
12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall develop findings and	
13	recommendations concerning this topic and shall submit these findings and	
14	recommendations in the form of a written report to the House Committee on Health and	
15	Welfare no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2024 Regular Session.	
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the	
17	secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.	

## DIGEST

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Requests the La. Dept. of Health to study the feasibility of funding a remote monitoring program for technology-dependent children who are tracheostomy patients.

Requests the that the La. Dept. of Health develop findings and recommendations and submit such findings and recommendations in a written report.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare to</u> the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Make technical corrections.