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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120

BY REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS

HEALTH/CANCER: Creates a subcommittee to study nonmelanoma skin cancer prevention and treatment

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To create a subcommittee to be comprised of members of the House Committee on Health
3	and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, the House Committee
4	on Insurance, and the Senate Committee on Insurance to study Louisiana's efforts to
5	prevent, treat, and cure nonmelanoma skin cancer, to develop recommendations for
6	continued improvement in preventive and treatment practices as it relates to
7	nonmelanoma skin cancer, and to report an initial and final findings.
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the eighth highest occurrence of nonmelanoma skin
9	cancer in the United States; and
10	WHEREAS, on May 15, 2022, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a proclamation
11	urging Louisiana citizens to learn about risk factors, preventative strategies, and available
12	treatment options, including but not limited to Mohs or micrographically oriented
13	histographic surgery, topical chemical treatments, and image-guided superficial
14	radiotherapy; and
15	WHEREAS, public policy should protect and embolden the unique relationship
16	between a patient and his physician in order to promote the ability to prevent, treat, and cure
17	occurrences of nonmelanoma skin cancer in a timely and effective manner; and
18	WHEREAS, healthcare providers are best situated to work with their patients to
19	determine the most effective and efficient treatment options, including but not limited to
20	reaching a determination of which treatment options are medically necessary; and

1	WHEREAS, medical research shows that certain preventive and treatment options
2	may be more effective and efficient than other types of treatment based on the diagnosis and
3	severity of the patient's nonmelanoma skin cancer; and
4	WHEREAS, a result of research, development, and innovation, patients and
5	healthcare providers have several options to consider to treat nonmelanoma skin cancer, such
6	as image-guided radiotherapy and topical chemical treatments, which may be more effective,
7	less invasive, result in fewer side effects, and require less recovery; and
8	WHEREAS, early detection and effective treatment options are shown to
9	substantially reduce the mortality rate of nonmelanoma skin cancer, the recurrence of the
10	disease, the physical and health burden of a patient, and the overall costs associated with
11	treatment; and
12	WHEREAS, this subcommittee builds on the foundation of the proclaimed
13	"Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer Awareness Week" on May 15 to May 21, 2022, by providing
14	public officials an avenue to identify policy opportunities to assist, support, and improve
15	Louisiana's ongoing battle against this deadly disease.
16	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17	create a subcommittee of the House Committee on Health and Welfare; the Senate
18	Committee on Health and Welfare; the House Committee on Insurance; and the Senate
19	Committee on Insurance to study the practices and policies related to educating, preventing,
20	and treating nonmelanoma skin cancer for Louisiana residents.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall be composed of twelve
22	members from the following committees:
23	(1) Three members from the House Committee on Health and Welfare.
24	(2) Three members from the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.
25	(3) Three members from the House Committee on Insurance.
26	(4) Three members from the Senate Committee on Insurance.
27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the speaker of the House of Representatives
28	shall appoint members from the House committees on health and welfare and insurance, and
29	the president of the Senate shall appoint members from the Senate committees on health and
30	welfare and insurance.

1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee may call upon the staffs of
2	any department, agency, or official of the state for data and assistance and all such
3	departments, agencies, and officials shall cooperate with the subcommittee, and the
4	subcommittee may request and utilize the assistance of any and all public and private
5	sources, including but not limited to residents, elected officials, medical experts, scientists,
6	and nongovernmental organizations.
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall study all of the
8	following:
9	(1) Existing awareness, detection, and treatment programs and procedures available
10	to Louisiana residents relative to nonmelanoma skin cancer and, if applicable, the efficacy
11	of such programs and procedures.
12	(2) Accessibility of treatment options, including coverage by insurance providers,
13	for available programs and procedures related to the prevention and treatment of
14	nonmelanoma skin cancer occurrences.
15	(3) References and case studies, if any, regarding practices and procedures in other
16	states relative to the prevention and treatment of nonmelanoma skin cancer.
17	(4) Public and private initiatives, programs, and efforts, if any, to raise awareness,
18	encourage prevention, and provide treatment related to nonmelanoma skin cancer.
19	(5) Legislation or regulatory policy, if any, to improve awareness, detection, and
20	access to treatment options related to nonmelanoma skin cancer.
21	(6) Economic analysis related to prevention, detection, and treatment of
22	nonmelanoma skin cancer for Louisiana residents.
23	(7) Public health impact analysis of nonmelanoma skin cancer as it pertains to age,
24	gender, ethnicity, race, and socioeconomic status and the disparity, if any, of access and
25	efficacy of prevention, detection, and treatment options within such demographic subgroups.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall make a report of findings
27	and recommendations to the Legislature of Louisiana by December 1, 2024.
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subcommittee shall terminate on December
29	1, 2024.

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