

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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