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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

CHILDREN/DCFS: Urges and requests the Dept. of Children and Family Services to study and make recommendations for a comprehensive statewide plan for delivery of domestic violence services

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to collaborate with
3 stakeholders to study and develop a comprehensive statewide plan for the delivery
4 of domestic violence services and to report its recommendations to the House
5 Committee on Health and Welfare on or before January 15, 2014.

6 WHEREAS, domestic violence is detrimental to the safety and psychological
7 well-being of Louisiana's citizens; and

8 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana must maximize its resources to provide services
9 to the victims of domestic violence in a manner that prioritizes safety and results in
10 long-term, sustainable outcomes; and

11 WHEREAS, domestic violence funding in Louisiana is currently based on a model
12 which is mainly focused on shelters instead of means such as prevention, education, and
13 outreach which address the root cause of the problem before the victim is forced to utilize
14 a shelter; and

15 WHEREAS, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act encourages states to
16 implement comprehensive plans for domestic violence response.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to collaborate with the
19 following stakeholders to study and develop a comprehensive statewide plan for domestic
20 violence services:

- 1 (1) A representative of the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence.
- 2 (2) A representative of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.
- 3 (3) A representative of the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault.
- 4 (4) A representative of the Louisiana Women's Policy and Research Commission.
- 5 (5) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police.
- 6 (6) A representative of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association.
- 7 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association.
- 8 (8) A representative of the Louisiana Supreme Court, Judicial Administrator's
- 9 Office, with expertise in the administration of the Louisiana Protective Order Registry.
- 10 (9) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Justice, office of the attorney
- 11 general.
- 12 (10) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, office
- 13 of public health.
- 14 (11) A representative of the Louisiana Public Defender Board.
- 15 (12) A representative of the District Judges Association.
- 16 (13) A representative of the Louisiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.
- 17 (14) A domestic violence survivor.
- 18 (15) A domestic violence program director.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department along with the stakeholders shall
20 develop a plan that includes but is not limited to all of the following:

- 21 (1) Development of a state needs assessment and a comprehensive and integrated
- 22 service delivery approach that meets the needs of all domestic violence victims.
- 23 (2) Establishment of a method to transition domestic violence service providers
- 24 towards evidence-based national best practices focusing on outreach and prevention.
- 25 (3) Development of a plan that ensures that Louisiana laws on domestic violence are
- 26 being properly implemented and provides for training on domestic violence and its many
- 27 dimensions to law enforcement and the judiciary.
- 28 (4) Development of a framework to collect and integrate data and measure program
- 29 outcomes.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide all
2 recommendations of this Study in the form of a report to the House Committee on Health
3 and Welfare on or before January 15, 2014.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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