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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

HEALTH CARE: Requests that a study group form and make recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of certain federally-provided health policy

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request that a study group comprised of members with health policy expertise
3	form to make recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of
4	certain provisions of federal health care reform.
5	WHEREAS, the legislation referred to collectively as the "Affordable Care Act" or
6	"ACA" consists of the following Acts of Congress:
7	(1) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which originated as
8	H.R. 3590 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No.
9	111-148.
10	(2) The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA), which originated
11	as H.R. 4872 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law
12	No. 111-152; and
13	WHEREAS, the ACA sets forth monumental health policy reforms, as it reshapes
14	the way virtually all Americans will receive and finance their health care; and
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2	expansion of the Medicaid program as provided in the ACA is in the best interest of this
3	state.
4	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that a study group form to make
6	recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of the Medicaid program
7	expansion as provided in the ACA.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall be comprised of the
9	following members:
10	(1) The Medicaid director of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
11	(2) A member who represents the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.
12	(3) A member who represents AARP Louisiana.
13	(4) A member who represents the Louisiana Budget Project.
14	(5) A member who represents the Louisiana State Medical Society.
15	(6) A member who represents the Louisiana Hospital Association.
16	(7) A member who represents the Louisiana Center for Health Equity.
17	(8) A member who represents Together Louisiana.
18	(9) A member appointed by United States Senator Mary Landrieu.
19	(10) A member appointed by United States Senator David Vitter.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall be co-chaired by the
21	Medicaid director of the Department of Health and Hospitals and a representative of the
22	Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall hold at least one meeting
24	which is open to the public in the state capitol building on or before December 1, 2013.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than sixty days prior to the convening
26	of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, the study group shall submit to
27	the House Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Appropriations Committee
28	a report which provides a model for state legislation through which Louisiana may opt in to
29	the Medicaid program expansion as provided in the ACA in a manner which maximizes
30	fiscal and public health benefits to the state.

WHEREAS, for compelling economic and moral reasons, participation in the

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

DIGEST

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Requests that a study group form to make recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of Medicaid program expansion. Provides that the study group be cochaired by the Medicaid director of DHH a representative of the Public Affairs Research Council, and be comprised of the following members:

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