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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE KATRINA JACKSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request that a study group comprised of members with health policy expertise form to make recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of certain provisions of federal health care reform.

WHEREAS, the legislation referred to collectively as the "Affordable Care Act" or "ACA" consists of the following Acts of Congress:

(1) The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which originated as H.R. 3590 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No. 111-148.

(2) The Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (HCERA), which originated as H.R. 4872 in the One Hundred Eleventh United States Congress and became Public Law No. 111-152; and

WHEREAS, the ACA sets forth monumental health policy reforms, as it reshapes the way virtually all Americans will receive and finance their health care; and

WHEREAS, among the key features of the ACA are rights and protections for health care consumers, accountability measures for insurance companies, expanded eligibility for the Medicaid program, and a requirement that every American maintain a minimum level of health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS, in a decision announced on June 28, 2012, the United States Supreme Court in *National Federation of Independent Business Et Al. v. Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Et Al.* upheld the overall constitutionality of the ACA; and

WHEREAS, for compelling economic and moral reasons, participation in the expansion of the Medicaid program as provided in the ACA is in the best interest of this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that a study group form to make

recommendations to the legislature concerning implementation of the Medicaid program expansion as provided in the ACA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall be comprised of the following members:

- (1) The Medicaid director of the Department of Health and Hospitals.
- (2) A member who represents the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.
- (3) A member who represents AARP Louisiana.
- (4) A member who represents the Louisiana Budget Project.
- (5) A member who represents the Louisiana State Medical Society.
- (6) A member who represents the Louisiana Hospital Association.
- (7) A member who represents the Louisiana Center for Health Equity.
- (8) A member who represents Together Louisiana.
- (9) A member appointed by United States Senator Mary Landrieu.
- (10) A member appointed by United States Senator David Vitter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall be co-chaired by the Medicaid director of the Department of Health and Hospitals and a representative of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall hold at least one meeting which is open to the public in the state capitol building on or before December 1, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, the study group shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and to the House Appropriations Committee a report which provides a model for state legislation through which Louisiana may opt in to the Medicaid program expansion as provided in the ACA in a manner which maximizes fiscal and public health benefits to the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES