

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

HEALTH SERVICES: Authorizes development of a plan for citywide delivery of health services in New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and request a comprehensive plan for citywide delivery of health services in
3 New Orleans, and to form a study committee to assist with development of the plan.

4 WHEREAS, the recent ten-year anniversary of the devastation wrought by Hurricane
5 Katrina offered an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing recovery of the City of New
6 Orleans; and

7 WHEREAS, just as they did before Hurricane Katrina, the healthcare institutions of
8 New Orleans play a vital role in the health and well-being of the city's people, and,
9 collectively, have steadily rebuilt their facilities and services through the post-Katrina years;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, while having easily accessible medical facilities with adequate capacity
12 to care for patients is a priority for any city, an emerging priority for New Orleans is to align
13 its system of health services so that health care remains accessible and is also delivered in
14 the most efficient and effective manner; and

15 WHEREAS, New Orleans has a high concentration of hospitals as well as a high
16 concentration of healthcare professionals, largely due to the presence of its two medical
17 schools and schools of allied health, nursing, and dentistry; and

18 WHEREAS, other U.S. cities have undertaken efforts to develop cohesive plans to
19 align healthcare infrastructure existing within specific geographic areas; and

1 WHEREAS, an example of such an effort in this state can be found in Baton Rouge,
2 where the Baton Rouge Area Foundation commissioned a plan which designated an area of
3 the city with abundant healthcare infrastructure as a "health district"; and

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate as a matter of public health policy to consider the
5 benefits of a prospective plan for optimizing health services delivery in New Orleans so that
6 the health system of the city can efficiently meet the needs of its population today and into
7 the future.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and request a comprehensive plan for
10 citywide delivery of health services in New Orleans.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a special study committee is hereby formed for
12 the purpose of assisting with development of the plan.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall be composed of the
14 following members:

15 (1) The Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans or his designee.

16 (2) One healthcare consumer representative appointed by the Health Commissioner
17 of the City of New Orleans.

18 (3) The chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New
19 Orleans or his designee.

20 (4) The dean of the School of Allied Health Professions of the Louisiana State
21 University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.

22 (5) The dean of the School of Nursing of the Louisiana State University Health
23 Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.

24 (6) The dean of the School of Dentistry of the Louisiana State University Health
25 Sciences Center at New Orleans or his designee.

26 (7) The dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical
27 Medicine or his designee.

28 (8) The president and chief executive officer of Tulane Health System or his
29 designee.

1 (9) The president and chief executive officer of Children's Hospital New Orleans or
2 his designee.

3 (10) The chief executive officer of Ochsner Health System or his designee.

4 (11) The chief executive officer of New Orleans East Hospital or his designee.

5 (12) The president of HCA MidAmerica Division or his designee.

6 (13) The executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association or his
7 designee.

8 (14) The chief executive officer of the St. Thomas Community Health Center or his
9 designee.

10 (15) The president and chief executive officer of Daughters of Charity Services of
11 New Orleans or his designee.

12 (16) The chief executive officer of Baptist Community Health Services, Inc., or his
13 designee.

14 (17) The executive director of the Metropolitan Human Services District or his
15 designee.

16 (18) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public Health Institute or his
17 designee.

18 (19) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

19 (20) The president and chief executive officer of Greater New Orleans, Inc., or his
20 designee.

21 (21) The president and chief executive officer of the Greater New Orleans
22 Foundation or his designee.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the New Orleans Health Department shall have
24 primary responsibility for coordinating the development of the plan, and may convene
25 meetings of the study committee as necessary to carry out this purpose.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than thirty days prior to the convening
27 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, the New Orleans Health Department shall
28 submit a written report addressing the status of the development of the plan to the House of
29 Representatives contingent of the Orleans Delegation of the Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 Health Commissioner of the City of New Orleans; the dean of the School of Allied Health
3 Professions, the dean of the School of Nursing, the dean of the School of Dentistry, and the
4 chancellor of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans; the
5 dean of the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine; the president
6 and chief executive officer of Tulane Health System; the president and chief executive
7 officer of Children's Hospital New Orleans; the chief executive officer of Ochsner Health
8 System; the chief executive officer of New Orleans East Hospital; the president of HCA
9 MidAmerica Division; the executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association; the
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11 executive officer of Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans; the chief executive
12 officer of Baptist Community Health Services, Inc.; the executive director of the
13 Metropolitan Human Services District; the chief executive officer of the Louisiana Public
14 Health Institute; the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals; the president and
15 chief executive officer of Greater New Orleans, Inc.; and the president and chief executive
16 officer of the Greater New Orleans Foundation.

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