

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 67

BY SENATOR CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the division of administration to study the feasibility of contracting with the United States Department of Agriculture's National Financial Center for payroll and personnel services and report back to the legislature.

WHEREAS, in the midst of Louisiana's current budget shortfall, a potential cost savings would be for the state of Louisiana to explore the possibility of contracting with the United States Department of Agriculture's National Finance Center (NFC) to provide payroll/personnel services for its more than 50,000 state employees; and

WHEREAS, based in New Orleans, Louisiana, the NFC is one of the longest-standing federal shared services providers of payroll/personnel services to the federal civilian workforce. The NFC currently serves more than 170 agencies and processes in excess of \$2.8 billion in payroll biweekly for more than 670,000 Federal employees; and

WHEREAS, the NFC operates under the Economy Act, which mandates services be provided to customers at cost. NFC's customers benefit from its large customer base that provides significant cost savings and operational advantages. Since NFC is a nonappropriated Federal entity, its success is directly tied to exceeding customers' evolving payroll/personnel needs and providing excellent customer service at a low cost, with many customers saving up to fifty percent over their previous payroll/personnel expenses; and

WHEREAS, with its proven record of success and experience in the government payroll/personnel space, the NFC is in the ideal position to provide these services to state of Louisiana employees in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Federal law provides the NFC with the authority to service state and local governments for payroll. As such, the division of administration should immediately begin exploring the possibility of contracting with the NFC to provide payroll/personnel services to Louisiana state employees to determine if this could result in cost savings for the state; and

WHEREAS, security is also a priority at the NFC which has completed full certification and accreditation of its entire general support systems, as well as ensuring that all NFC major applications and system access is controlled to provide protection for software and data resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the division of administration to study the feasibility of contracting with the United States Department of Agriculture's National Financial Center for payroll and personnel services and report back to the legislature in a timely manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of administration shall submit a copy of the findings to each member of the Senate, each member of the House of Representatives, and the governor at that time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and the governor.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES