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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

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CHILDREN/NEWBORNS: Requests the La. Department of Health to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the state's newborn screening panel

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are
3 necessary to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening
4 panel of this state.

5 WHEREAS, Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) is a life threatening
6 syndrome in which a person's adaptive immune system is severely impaired; and

7 WHEREAS, persons with SCID are extremely vulnerable to ordinary infections, and
8 viruses that are minor for persons without SCID are often deadly for persons who have
9 SCID; and

10 WHEREAS, SCID is detectable through genetic testing, and early detection of this
11 disorder is vital to ensure the survival of those persons with SCID; and

12 WHEREAS, newborn screening identifies babies with congenital disorders like
13 SCID; and

14 WHEREAS, nearly four million newborns are screened annually in the United States
15 for numerous diseases, and forty-six states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia
16 currently screen for SCID; and

17 WHEREAS, screening for SCID in a newborn child is not included in Louisiana's
18 current newborn screening panel.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to take such actions as are necessary
3 to add Severe Combined Immunodeficiency to the newborn screening panel of this state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
5 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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