

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS: Creates a special council to make recommendations concerning the potential establishment of a Commission on the Aging and Adults with Disabilities

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create the Aging and Adults with Disabilities Council to study the potential  
3 establishment of a Commission on the Aging and Adults with Disabilities in  
4 Louisiana and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
5 legislative committees on health and welfare.

6 WHEREAS, from 2019 through 2030, roughly ten million individuals born in the  
7 United States between 1946 and 1964 will reach retirement age; and

8 WHEREAS, estimates indicate that by 2020, over fifty-six million Americans will  
9 be over the age of sixty-five and that by 2040, this number will increase to over eighty-two  
10 million; and

11 WHEREAS, the members of this generation of Americans are active, vibrant, and  
12 educated and value their independence; and

13 WHEREAS, this generation will impact the nation's healthcare system like no other  
14 before it due not just to its size, but also to the wide range of different views that its  
15 members hold on types of health care that are acceptable for meeting their needs.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17 create the Aging and Adults with Disabilities Council, referred to hereafter in this Resolution  
18 as the "council", to study and make recommendations concerning the potential establishment  
19 of a Commission on the Aging and Adults with Disabilities.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall be composed of the following  
2 members:

3 (1) A representative of AARP Louisiana.

4 (2) A representative of the Advocacy Center.

5 (3) A representative of the Live at Home LA Coalition.

6 (4) A representative of the Case Management Alliance.

7 (5) A representative of the governor's office of elderly affairs.

8 (6) A representative of the Community Provider Association.

9 (7) A representative of Independent Living Inc.

10 (8) A representative of the ARC of Louisiana.

11 (9) A representative of the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

12 (10) A representative of Volunteers of America North Louisiana, Volunteers of  
13 America Greater Baton Rouge, or Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana.

14 (11) A representative of the Alzheimer's Association, Louisiana Chapter.

15 (12) A representative of Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area.

16 (13) A representative of the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

17 (14) A representative of the Louisiana Council on Aging Directors' Association.

18 (15) The director of the Statewide Independent Living Council or his designee.

19 (16) Three members of the public, each of whom is a Medicaid recipient or a family  
20 caregiver of a Medicaid recipient, selected by the assistant secretary of the office of aging  
21 and adult services of the Louisiana Department of Health.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the council shall serve without  
23 compensation.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at its initial meeting, the council shall elect a  
25 chairperson from among its members and shall adopt rules of procedure and any other  
26 policies as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the duties and functions of the council shall  
28 include the following:

1           (1) Determine and document the level of need among older adults and adults with  
2 disabilities in this state for maintaining independence and living with dignity in appropriate  
3 settings.

4           (2) Consider and document the necessity of rebalancing the long-term services and  
5 supports system in order to help older adults and adults with disabilities in this state to live  
6 their lives with dignity in their chosen environment.

7           (3) Review and document the need for potential systems changes and innovations  
8 and evidence-based practices for assisting individuals who wish to gain more control over  
9 their lives and choices in health care.

10          (4) Review and document the need for a person-centered long-term care system that  
11 promotes transparency, quality, dignity, inclusion, and choice.

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assistant secretary of the office of aging and  
13 adult services of the Louisiana Department of Health shall convene the first meeting of the  
14 council on or before September 1, 2019.

15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall submit a written report of its  
16 findings and recommendations concerning whether a Commission on the Aging and Adults  
17 with Disabilities is needed in this state to the House Committee on Health and Welfare and  
18 the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare prior to March 1, 2020.

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the assistant secretary of the office of aging  
21 and adult services of the Louisiana Department of Health, the state director of AARP  
22 Louisiana, the executive director of the Advocacy Center, the coordinator of the Live at  
23 Home LA Coalition, the coordinator of the Case Management Alliance, the executive  
24 director of the governor's office of elderly affairs, the executive director of the Community  
25 Provider Association, the executive director of Independent Living, Inc., the executive  
26 director of the ARC of Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Developmental  
27 Disabilities Council, the president and chief executive officer of Volunteers of America, the  
28 executive director of the Alzheimer's Association, Louisiana Chapter, the executive director  
29 of Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area, the coordinator of the Louisiana Council on  
30 Aging Directors' Association, and the director of the Statewide Independent Living Council.

DIGEST

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