

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 74

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

HEALTH: Requests that CARES Act funding be made available to the state for testing and be distributed to healthcare systems

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Health, or
3 any other state agency as may be deemed appropriate, to expedite the distribution of
4 funding as provided through the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, to Louisiana
5 healthcare systems.

6 WHEREAS, the United States Congress and the president of the United States are
7 providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through the
8 CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, and the various programs that this law enacted which
9 provide one hundred seventy-five billion dollars in relief funds to hospitals and other
10 healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response; and

11 WHEREAS, such funding will be used to support healthcare-related expenses or lost
12 revenue in healthcare systems attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure that Americans can
13 get testing and treatment for COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, recognizing the particular impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had
15 on healthcare systems in Louisiana, the legislature is extremely concerned about the
16 economic harm resulting from this impact; and

17 WHEREAS, funding provided through the CARES Act will help public health
18 departments across America to continue to battle COVID-19 and expand their capacity for
19 the vital functions of testing, contact tracing, and containment.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 urge and request the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Department of Health, or any

1 other state agency as may be deemed appropriate, to expeditiously provide CARES Act
2 funding to healthcare systems in Louisiana.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before June 1, 2020, the Louisiana
4 Department of Health, or any other state agency as may be deemed appropriate, shall report
5 data on the distribution of funding called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on
6 Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on Health and
7 Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative
8 Research Library.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the request provided for
10 in this Resolution shall terminate on August 1, 2020.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 governor and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Department of Health, or other appropriate agency as deemed necessary, to provide funding from the CARES Act, Public Law 116-136, to healthcare systems in the state of Louisiana and report the data on the distribution of funding called for in this Resolution to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, and the legislative committees on health and welfare.

Provides that legislative authority for the report shall terminate on August 1, 2020.