

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

MEDICAID: Requests the La. Department of Health to issue regular reports of data on Medicaid enrollees with private insurance or offers of employer-sponsored health coverage

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to collect data on Medicaid
3 enrollees with private insurance or offers of employer-sponsored health coverage and
4 to report such data to the House Committee on Appropriations, the Senate
5 Committee on Finance, and the legislative committees on health and welfare at
6 regular intervals.

7 WHEREAS, with respect to healthcare coverage, the term "crowd-out" describes
8 situations in which publicly-funded coverage is substituted for coverage that is, or would
9 have been, financed privately; and

10 WHEREAS, according to figures derived from a 2016 study by the Urban Institute
11 of the nineteen states that had refused, as of that time, to expand their Medicaid programs
12 as provided in the Affordable Care Act, over sixty percent of individuals who would become
13 eligible for public coverage through Medicaid expansion in those states already had private
14 health coverage through federal and state insurance exchanges, employer-sponsored plans,
15 or other sources; and

16 WHEREAS, private health insurance typically offers enrollees greater access to care
17 than does Medicaid, and health outcomes among persons with private coverage are superior
18 to those of Medicaid enrollees; and

19 WHEREAS, since Medicaid expansion took effect in this state on July 1, 2016,
20 through an executive order, tens of thousands of Louisianans have dropped private health

1 insurance coverage in order to enroll in Medicaid, costing the program in excess of one
2 hundred forty-five million dollars per year; and

3 WHEREAS, a request by the legislature for regular reports on the problem of crowd-
4 out in Louisiana Medicaid would serve the interest of greater transparency in that program
5 and facilitate a better understanding of the true costs and impacts of the problem.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to collect data on Medicaid enrollees
8 with private insurance or offers of employer-sponsored health coverage.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall obtain
10 such data by inquiring with potential Medicaid enrollees about their private health insurance
11 status and participation in, or offers of, employer-sponsored insurance at both the time of
12 their application and the time of their eligibility redetermination.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before November 1, 2020, and quarterly
14 thereafter, the Louisiana Department of Health shall report such data to the House
15 Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House Committee on
16 Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter
17 Legislative Research Library.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the first report due pursuant to this Resolution
19 shall feature data from the first quarter of State Fiscal Year 2020-2021, and the ensuing
20 quarterly reports shall cover subsequent State Fiscal Year quarters.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the request provided for
22 in this Resolution shall terminate on August 1, 2022.

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

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

quarterly basis 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 reporting request shall terminate on August 1, 2022.