

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: To authorize and direct the Office of Group Benefits to study options for reducing state and participant premiums

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Office of Group Benefits to study options for reducing premiums
3 for participants and employers and to report its findings to the legislature no later
4 than December 31, 2020.

5 WHEREAS, providing for the health and welfare of current and former state and
6 school district employees is an obligation the legislature does not take lightly; and

7 WHEREAS, health insurance costs are increasing nationally as our society reaps the
8 benefits of living longer; and

9 WHEREAS, identifying and capitalizing on opportunities to improve health
10 insurance benefits for those who provide essential services to our state and our communities
11 while simultaneously creating an opportunity for savings for the state is a fiscally prudent
12 action; and

13 WHEREAS, having the Office of Group Benefits meet with key stakeholders and
14 study options for improved benefits and cost savings and report its findings to the legislature
15 will help the state move forward on more sound fiscal footing.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the Office of Group Benefits to
18 study options for reducing premiums for participants, retirees, and employers and to report
19 its findings to the House Committee on Appropriations no later than December 31, 2020.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in executing this study the Office of Group
21 Benefits shall seek input from key stakeholders, such as retired stakeholder groups including

1 but not limited to: AARP; the Retired State Employees Association; the Louisiana Retired
2 Teachers Association; the Louisiana Association of Health Plans; and retired judges.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
4 chief executive officer of the Office of Group Benefits and director of each organization
5 listed above.

DIGEST

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