

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 33

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in executing this study the Office of Group Benefits shall seek input from key stakeholders, such as retired stakeholder groups including but not limited to: AARP; the Retired State Employees Association; the Louisiana Retired Teachers Association; the Louisiana Association of Health Plans; and retired judges.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES