

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUPLESSIS

20 WHEREAS, LDH works to provide quality services, protect and promote health,
21 develop and stimulate services by others, and utilize available resources in the most effective
22 manner in order to fulfill its mission; and

1 WHEREAS, state law (R.S. 28:52) provides that any person who has a mental illness
2 or is suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder may apply for voluntary
3 admission to a treatment facility and that admitting physicians are encouraged to admit
4 persons who have a mental illness or persons suffering from a substance-related or addictive
5 disorder to treatment facilities on voluntary admission status whenever medically feasible;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, there is a high prevalence of comorbidity between mental illness and
8 substance use disorders as stress acts as a neurological link between both diseases; and

9 WHEREAS, the risk factors that contribute to mental illness and substance use
10 disorders include genetic vulnerabilities, epigenetic influences, environmental influences,
11 childhood trauma, and other biological and socioeconomic components; and

12 WHEREAS, the office of behavioral health facilitates the provision of crisis care
13 through ten local governing entities, the human service districts, and authorities of this state
14 that are currently making efforts to treat and manage community behavioral health issues;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, understanding how individuals with mental illness and substance use
17 disorders flow through different systems of crisis care would help the state behavioral health
18 agency achieve better service coordination and sustainability in systems of care.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana
21 Department of Health to collect data to show the total cost associated with individuals with
22 chronic untreated and under-treated serious mental illnesses and substance use disorders
23 moving through various systems of crisis care and to report such data to certain legislative
24 committees.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health of the LDH shall
26 submit the data collected in accordance with this Resolution in the form of a report to the
27 House Committee on Appropriations and the House Committee on Health and Welfare no
28 later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature
29 of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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Directs the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to collect data relative to certain mental illness and substance use crisis care.

Requests LDH to report data findings in the form of a report to the House Committee on Appropriations and House Committee on Health and Welfare.