

1 WHEREAS, though the system for awarding prizes for curing diseases proposed in
2 the Cure Bill is highly promising and would have little to no cost impact to the state, it has
3 yet to be tested, as fewer than the minimum number of states necessary to effectuate the
4 compact (six states) have enacted the compact legislation; and

5 WHEREAS, despite the favorable consideration given to House Bill No. 290 of this
6 2021 Regular Session in the bill's committee hearing, the sense of the House of
7 Representatives is that further study of potential costs, benefits, and public health impacts
8 associated with Louisiana participating in the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award
9 Prizes for Curing Diseases is needed in order for the legislature to make a fully informed
10 decision with respect to enacting the Cure Bill in this state.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the office of public health of the
13 Louisiana Department of Health, working in collaboration with the Louisiana Public Health
14 Institute, to study the potential costs, benefits, and public health impacts of Louisiana joining
15 the interstate compact known as the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for
16 Curing Diseases.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health shall submit findings
18 from the study called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to the House of
19 Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana on or before February 1, 2022.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the chief executive officer of the
22 Louisiana Public Health Institute.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the office of public health (OPH) of the La. Department of Health, in collaboration with the La. Public Health Institute, to study the potential costs, benefits, and public health impacts of this state joining the interstate compact known as the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases.

Requires OPH to report findings of the study to the La. House of Representatives on or before Feb. 1, 2022.