

1 WHEREAS, noncompetition agreements may encourage retention and deter
2 employed physicians from leaving their current practices; and

3 WHEREAS, according to the 2018 American Medical Association economic impact
4 study, physicians bring economic prosperity to communities through more than one hundred
5 thousand jobs, more than nineteen million dollars in economic activity, more than six
6 hundred million dollars in state and local tax revenue, and nearly nine billion dollars in
7 wages and benefits; and

8 WHEREAS, the interest on both sides of noncompetition agreements for physicians
9 need to be better understood in order to effectively legislate and regulate concerns arising
10 from these types of restrictive agreements.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12 direct the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and the Senate
13 Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, or a
14 subcommittee thereof, to meet and to function as a joint committee to study various aspects
15 of noncompetition agreements relative to physicians in the state and to report the findings
16 of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2022 Regular Session
17 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further directs the
19 joint committee to solicit input, information, data, recommendations, and advice from the
20 following persons, agencies, and organizations:

- 21 (1) Louisiana Children's Medical Center.
- 22 (2) Louisiana Department of Health.
- 23 (3) Louisiana Hospital Association.
- 24 (4) Louisiana State Medical Society.
- 25 (5) Physicians currently employed by public universities in the state.
- 26 (6) Physicians currently practicing medicine in the state.
- 27 (7) Representatives from Ochsner Health.
- 28 (8) Representatives from Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and its
29 affiliated campuses.
- 30 (9) Representatives of physician-owned clinics in the state.

- 1 (10) Representatives of Willis-Knighton Medical Center.
 - 2 (11) The Rural Hospital Coalition of Louisiana.
 - 3 (12) Any persons, agencies, entities, or stakeholders that the joint committee deems
 - 4 necessary to fulfill its purposes.
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DIGEST

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Directs the House Committee on Commerce, or a subcommittee thereof, and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and International Affairs, or a subcommittee thereof, to meet and to function as a joint committee to study the role and effects of noncompetition agreements relative to physicians in the state.