

1 WHEREAS, the vast majority of Louisiana's rural communities are medically under-
2 served by all established measures, yet programs to address the healthcare needs of this
3 population remain underfunded and few are guided by local stakeholders or locally
4 conducted needs assessments; and

5 WHEREAS, in consideration of the findings set forth in this Resolution, the
6 legislature hereby declares that improving health outcomes in rural communities is a critical
7 public health priority of this state.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 continue the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership and duties of the task force shall
11 continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 44 of the 2022 Regular Session
12 of the Legislature of Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall continue to be a
14 subcommittee of the Statewide Health Equity Consortium within the Louisiana Department
15 of Health.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Statewide Health Equity Consortium shall
17 reconvene the meeting of the task force no later than August 15, 2023.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members shall be given reasonable notice
19 of the meetings of the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any member who fails to attend two consecutive
21 meetings shall subject to removal by a majority vote of the task force.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if a member of the task force is removed, the
23 chairperson may nominate a new member, who will become a member by majority vote of
24 the current members of the task force.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may adopt rules of procedure and
26 any other policies as may be necessary to facilitate the work of the group.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the task force
28 shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on
29 Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a report of its
30 findings and recommendations.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 president of the board of directors and the director of clinical practice, health policy, and
3 advocacy of the Louisiana State Nurses Association, the executive director of the Louisiana
4 State Board of Nursing, the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Medical
5 Examiners, the dean of the Southern University School of Nursing, the president of the board
6 of directors of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, the chief executive officer
7 of the Louisiana State Medical Society, the chief operating officer of the Rural Hospital
8 Coalition, Inc., the president of the Louisiana Hospital Association, the executive director
9 of the Louisiana Rural Health Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Primary
10 Care Association, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the president of the
11 board of directors of the Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association, the state director of
12 AARP Louisiana, the president of the board of directors of the Louisiana Academy of
13 Family Physicians, the president of the Louisiana Council of Administrators in Nursing
14 Education, the president of the Black Nurses Association of Acadiana, and the president of
15 the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association.

DIGEST

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Continues the 21-member Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force as a subcommittee of the Statewide Health Equity Consortium within the La. Department of Health and provides for the duties of the task force.

Requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the legislative committees on health and welfare on or before Feb. 1, 2024.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Change the due date for the report of the task force from March 1, 2024 to Feb. 1, 2024.
3. Make changes to continue the Health Disparities in Rural Areas Task Force created in the 2022 R.S. pursuant to HCR 44.