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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 119

BY REPRESENTATIVE EGAN

MENTAL HEALTH: Directs the Louisiana Department of Health to evaluate the current standards for psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities and make recommendations to the legislature

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To direct the Louisiana Department of Health to evaluate the current standards for
3	psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities and make
4	recommendations to the legislature for new or revised standards to improve health
5	outcomes and increase accountability.
6	WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Louisiana Department of Health to protect and
7	promote overall health care and ensure access to medical, preventive, and rehabilitative
8	services for all citizens of this state; and
9	WHEREAS, there has been an increase of Louisiana residents with mental health and
10	substance abuse issues; and
10 11	substance abuse issues; and WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and its office of behavioral health
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11 12 13 14 15	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and its office of behavioral health have implemented various initiatives over the past few years to address mental health issues and substance abuse concerns in this state; and WHEREAS, as a result of its efforts, overall improvement of psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities statewide has become a top priority; and

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WHEREAS, the state legislature looks to the Louisiana Department of Health to 2 explore potential value-based financial incentives for Medicaid-enrolled psychiatric 3 hospitals that sustain or exceed quality of care criteria.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Louisiana Department of Health to evaluate the current standards for psychiatric 5 6 hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities and make recommendations to the 7 legislature for new or revised standards to improve health outcomes and increase 8 accountability.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall 10 conduct a review and evaluation of the existing standards for psychiatric hospitals and 11 residential substance abuse facilities in this state and submit a written report of its findings 12 to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare by March 31, 2025.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall contain recommendations for 14 accreditation requirements for psychiatric hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities 15 in this state.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health shall 17 explore potential value-based financial incentives for Medicaid-enrolled psychiatric 18 hospitals and residential substance abuse facilities that sustain or exceed quality of care 19 criteria.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that data, information, and recommendations on such 21 potential value-based financial incentives and quality of care criteria shall be included in the 22 report.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health may consult 24 with any agency, department, board, commission, accreditation organization, or other 25 healthcare group or association to conduct its review and evaluation in preparation of its 26 report.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 28 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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