

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR MIZELL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to develop a strategy for statewide implementation of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program.

WHEREAS, the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) is a free, web-based, mobile-friendly platform for near real-time reporting and monitoring of suspected fatal and nonfatal overdose events; and

WHEREAS, ODMAP was developed by the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area with the goal of providing near real-time data to public safety and public health agencies; and

WHEREAS, the system is designed to minimize the effort and time required by first responders to enter data; and

WHEREAS, ODMAP displays overdose data within and across jurisdictions, helping agencies identify spikes and clusters of suspected overdose events in their community, neighboring communities, and across the country; and

WHEREAS, ODMAP is available to all federal, state, local, and tribal agencies that serve the interests of public safety and public health; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2023, approximately four thousand eight hundred agencies across all fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico are using the platform; and

WHEREAS, over two million two hundred thousand overdose events have been entered into ODMAP since its launch in 2017; and

WHEREAS, thirty-three states have adopted ODMAP statewide, using various strategies including utilizing statewide application programming interface (API) with a specific agency or implementing a statewide ODMAP data entry strategy; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health currently maintains the Louisiana Opioid Data and Surveillance System that utilizes death data from vital records, prescription data from the Prescription Monitoring Program, hospital admissions data, and emergency department data; and

WHEREAS, while this information is valuable, having access to near real-time overdose data would allow law enforcement to react quickly to opioid surges in Louisiana communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health, in collaboration with the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, and the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement to develop a strategy for statewide implementation of the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program and to report the statewide implementation strategy to the legislature no later than February 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, the president of the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana, the executive director of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, the executive director of the Louisiana Association of Chiefs of Police, the executive director of the Louisiana District Attorneys Association, and the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES