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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 178

BY SENATOR MIZELL

HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Requests the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make recommendations regarding modernization of the state's problem gambling prevention and education efforts.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study and make
3 recommendations regarding modernization of the state's problem gambling
4 prevention and education efforts, particularly among youth and young adults, and to
5 examine opportunities for school-based education, higher education engagement,
6 digital support resources, and early intervention strategies.

7 WHEREAS, legalized sports wagering and other forms of gambling have expanded
8 significantly in recent years across Louisiana and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, young people and young adults are increasingly exposed to
10 gambling-related content through sports, online gaming, social media, advertising, and
11 mobile applications; and

12 WHEREAS, problem gambling may negatively impact mental health, financial
13 well-being, academic performance, family stability, and workforce participation; and

14 WHEREAS, many individuals experiencing gambling-related harm do not seek
15 formal treatment or support until significant personal or financial consequences have
16 occurred; and

17 WHEREAS, prevention and early education efforts may help improve awareness of
18 gambling-related risks and encourage healthier decision-making among youth and young

1 adults; and

2 WHEREAS, schools, colleges, universities, healthcare providers, and community
3 organizations may play an important role in supporting prevention, awareness, and early
4 intervention efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, modern public health approaches increasingly utilize digital education
6 tools, voluntary self-assessment resources, and mobile support services to improve
7 accessibility and engagement; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana has the opportunity to evaluate innovative and
9 evidence-informed approaches to problem gambling prevention and support that may
10 improve access to information, education, and behavioral health resources across the state.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
12 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Health to study opportunities to
13 modernize Louisiana's problem gambling prevention and education efforts, with a particular
14 focus on youth, college-age populations, and young adults.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is urged to examine opportunities
16 for age-appropriate educational resources and curriculum addressing gambling-related
17 harms, financial literacy, decision-making, online gaming environments, and responsible
18 behavior.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is urged to examine the use of
20 voluntary digital tools and mobile resources designed to support prevention, self-assessment,
21 awareness, early intervention, and connection to behavioral health and recovery support
22 services.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is urged to consult with the
24 Louisiana Department of Education, the Louisiana Board of Regents, colleges and
25 universities, behavioral health providers, community organizations, researchers, and other
26 relevant stakeholders in developing its findings and recommendations.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department is urged to submit a written
28 report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate and the David R. Poynter
29 Legislative Research Library, as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1,
30 2027.

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