

1 WHEREAS, there are an increasing number of children with developmental
2 disabilities, such as the spectrum of autistic children, and their need for therapy programs,
3 intervention, treatment, and support continues beyond the age of twenty-two; and

4 WHEREAS, the law currently makes no provision for custody or visitation between
5 parents and their adult children, even those with disabilities, beyond the age of eighteen; and

6 WHEREAS, other states, including Texas, make provisions for the extension of child
7 support and visitation for developmentally disabled children beyond the age of majority.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the Louisiana State Law Institute to review the child support guidelines, the
10 law as applied to children with developmental disabilities, and the laws regarding custody
11 and visitation for developmentally disabled adult children, and consider extending child
12 support beyond age twenty-two and providing for custody and visitation between those
13 children and their parents in the event of a divorce.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to the Louisiana State Law Institute and that it report its findings and recommendations in
16 the form of specific proposed legislation to the Louisiana Legislature no later than February
17 1, 2014.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. State Law Institute to review child support guidelines and laws regarding custody and visitation relative to children with developmental disabilities.