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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 98

BY SENATORS JOHNS AND MORRISH AND REPRESENTATIVES DANAHAY, GEYMANN, HENSGENS AND KLECKLEY

HEALTH CARE. Expresses support of and provides authority for actions by the Board of Supervisors of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for the strategic collaboration with the division of administration and the Department of Health and Hospitals in planning for a new model of health care delivery throughout the Lake Charles region.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To express support of and to provide authority for actions by the Board of Supervisors of 3 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College for the strategic collaboration among the division of administration, the Department of Health and 4 5 Hospitals, and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College in planning for a new model of health care 7 delivery in the Lake Charles region. 8 WHEREAS, a sudden reduction in federal funding for the Louisiana Medicaid 9 program was included in a sweeping transportation bill passed by the United States Congress 10 and signed into law on July 6, 2012, and resulted in a net decrease of over eight hundred fifty 11 million dollars in the Medicaid budget for the current state fiscal year; and WHEREAS, pursuant to the dramatic cut to Medicaid funding, the Department of 12 13 Health and Hospitals (department) is addressing the shortfall by eliminating funding for state hospitals operated by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and 14 Agricultural and Mechanical College; and 15 WHEREAS, the department has led the development of public-private partnerships 16 for the delivery of health services at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and 17

Mechanical College (LSU) hospital facilities by private health care enterprises, with the

1	terms and conditions for such service delivery to be set forth in cooperative endeavor
2	agreements among the state, LSU, and private providers; and
3	WHEREAS, the state, LSU, and Lake Charles Memorial Hospital intend to enter into
4	a cooperative endeavor agreement to formalize a collaboration to improve access to health
5	care in the Lake Charles area; and
6	WHEREAS, the cooperative endeavor agreement includes a provision to cease
7	inpatient care and emergency room services at the W.O. Moss Medical Center in Lake
8	Charles, Louisiana, which is currently operated by LSU; and
9	WHEREAS, the W.O. Moss Medical Center currently maintains and operates ten
10	hospital beds for inpatient care and an active emergency room; and
11	WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the need to maintain and continue proper
12	health care in the Lake Charles area, including inpatient and emergency care; and
13	WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes, and the cooperative endeavor agreement will
14	provide, that the inpatient and emergency care currently provided at the W.O. Moss Medical
15	Center will be provided by the Lake Charles Memorial Hospital; and
16	WHEREAS, the cooperative endeavor agreement will provide that Lake Charles
17	Memorial Hospital build a new medical facility adjacent to the W.O. Moss Medical Center
18	that, when completed, will house an outpatient clinic; and
19	WHEREAS, the outpatient services currently provided at the W.O. Moss Medical
20	Center will be transferred to the new outpatient clinic built adjacent to the W.O. Moss
21	Medical Center; and
22	WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that the closure of the inpatient beds and the
23	emergency room at W.O. Moss Medical Center requires authorization by the legislature
24	through a concurrent resolution pursuant to R.S. 17:1519.3.
25	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
26	endorse and express support of the actions by the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
27	University and Agricultural and Mechanical College with regard to the delivery of health
28	care services in the Lake Charles region.
29	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
30	endorse and support the ongoing and strategic collaboration among the Board of Supervisors

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of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the state, and Lake
Charles Memorial Hospital to close the inpatient beds and emergency room at W.O. Moss

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Medical Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution constitutes legislative approval, in accordance with the requirements of R.S. 17:1519.3, for the closure of the inpatient beds and emergency room at W.O. Moss Medical Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor, the commissioner of administration, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

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