

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVES TALBOT, CARMODY, GAROFALO, AND LORUSSO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the attorney general to review the laws relative to lobbying by state public servants and the use of state general funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes and to report thereon, including any recommendations related thereto, to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs no later than September 15, 2013, and to request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations relative to lobbying by state public servants and the use of state general funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, there are many provisions of law, including constitutional and statutory provisions, which apply to lobbying by state public servants and the use of state general funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes; and

WHEREAS, there appears to be a general lack of understanding of the laws relative to the use of state general funds for lobbying and similar purposes; and

WHEREAS, while the information provided by state public servants can be invaluable, there is a distinction between providing factual information and advocacy of a position; and

WHEREAS, it is important that there be consistency in the level of understanding, compliance, and enforcement of the laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the attorney general to review the laws relative to lobbying by state public servants and the use of state general funds for lobbying, public relations, and related

purposes and to report thereon, including any recommendations related thereto, to the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs no later than September 15, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study and make recommendations relative to lobbying by state public servants and the use of state general funds for lobbying, public relations, and related purposes to the legislature no later than thirty days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the attorney general.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE