

1 WHEREAS, challenges exist in financing long term care under the Medicaid
2 program and in balancing funding to ensure access to needed services; and

3 WHEREAS, the state has commenced efforts to rebalance its long term care system
4 to provide greater access to noninstitutional home- and community-based alternatives with
5 a goal of helping people to remain in their homes and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, in less than twenty years, Louisiana's population above the age of
7 sixty-five is expected to grow by over eighty percent as Baby Boomers advance in age.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby continue the Study Group on Long Term Care
10 Financing through final adjournment of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of
11 Louisiana.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall examine funding and
13 reimbursement of long term services and supports, and shall make recommendations
14 relative to funding options that facilitate access by Louisianians to such services and
15 supports across the continuum of care.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall be composed of the
17 following members:

18 (1) The president of Louisiana Enhancing Aging With Dignity through
19 Empowerment and Respect (LEADER) or his designee.

20 (2) The chairperson of the Coalition for Choice to Advance Long Term Care Options
21 in Louisiana or his designee.

22 (3) The director of the Louisiana Budget Project or his designee.

23 (4) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his
24 designee.

25 (5) The secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

26 (6) The assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult services of the
27 Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

28 (7) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental disabilities
29 of the Department of Health and Hospitals or his designee.

30 (8) The director of the bureau of health services financing of the Department of
31 Health and Hospitals or his designee.

1 (9) The state director of AARP Louisiana or his designee.

2 (10) The president of the Advocacy Center or his designee.

3 (11) The executive director of the Louisiana Assisted Living Association or his
4 designee.

5 (12) A consumer of long term care services appointed by the secretary of the
6 Department of Health and Hospitals.

7 (13) The president of Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana or his designee.

8 (14) The president of LeadingAge Gulf States or his designee.

9 (15) A nurse practitioner with a geriatric specialty appointed by the president of the
10 Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.

11 (16) A home- and community-based services provider appointed by the secretary of
12 the Department of Health and Hospitals.

13 (17) The director of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs or his designee.

14 (18) A member of the House Committee on Health and Welfare appointed by the
15 chairman of the committee.

16 (19) The president of the Louisiana Council on Aging Directors Association or his
17 designee.

18 (20) The president of the Louisiana Aging Network Association or his designee.

19 (21) The executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association.

20 (22) A member to be appointed by the president of the Louisiana Hospital
21 Association.

22 (23) The executive director of the Community and Residential Services Association
23 (CARSA) or his designee.

24 (24) The president of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association or his
25 designee.

26 (25) The government relations director of the American Cancer Society Cancer
27 Action Network.

28 (26) A member to be appointed by the Louisiana Chapter of the National Multiple
29 Sclerosis Society.

30 (27) The president of the Louisiana Adult Day Services Association or his designee.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of the Department of Health and
2 Hospitals shall issue the invitation for the initial meeting of the study group no later than
3 August 16, 2013.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study group shall serve
5 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
6 individually entitled by their respective employer organizations.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the study group shall elect one
8 member to serve as chairman and one member to serve as vice chairman of the group.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all departments, boards, agencies, officers, and
10 institutions of the state and its subdivisions are hereby authorized and requested to cooperate
11 with the study group in providing information to assist the group in carrying out its mission.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the study group are hereby
13 authorized and requested to contribute to information gathering, research, analysis,
14 facilitation, communication, decisionmaking, report writing, administration of the study
15 group process, or any combination of these functions.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall examine financing options
17 for long term services and supports, including but not limited to Medicaid funds, provider
18 fees, provider reimbursements, federal grant opportunities, tax incentives, and Medicare cost
19 sharing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the framework for analysis shall be based on
21 areas of study recommended in the 2013 report issued by the study group.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall submit a written report of
23 its recommendations to the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana on or
24 before March 14, 2014.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 president of LEADER, the chairperson of the Coalition for Choice to Advance Long Term
27 Care Options in Louisiana, the director of the Louisiana Budget Project, the executive
28 director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association, the secretary of the Department of
29 Health and Hospitals, the state director of AARP Louisiana, the executive director of the
30 Advocacy Center, the executive director of the Louisiana Assisted Living Association, the
31 president of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, the president of LeadingAge

1 Gulf States, the president of the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, the director
2 of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs, the president of the Louisiana Council on Aging
3 Directors Association, the president of the Louisiana Aging Network Association, the
4 executive director of the Louisiana Primary Care Association, the president of the Louisiana
5 Hospital Association, the executive director of the Community and Residential Services
6 Association (CARSA), the president of the Louisiana Independent Pharmacies Association,
7 the government relations director of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network,
8 the Louisiana Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and the president of the
9 Louisiana Adult Day Services Association.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES