



1           (3) Effects on public health of the closure of the state-operated public hospital in  
2           Baton Rouge and privatization of the services formerly delivered there.

3           (4) Impacts on private hospitals which do not operate under a cooperative endeavor  
4           agreement with the state of providing uncompensated care.

5           (5) Policies which could expand the capacity of public and private urgent care clinics  
6           to meet the healthcare needs of medically underserved populations; and

7           WHEREAS, considering the profound changes in healthcare delivery and financing  
8           in Baton Rouge that have occurred in the past several years, dramatically impacting access  
9           to care in the city and surrounding region, the efforts of this task force are vitally important  
10          at present and will remain so in the near term; and

11          WHEREAS, as evidenced by final passage of House Bill No. 1493 of the 2010  
12          Regular Session requiring reports to the legislature relative to privatization of services of the  
13          Earl K. Long Medical Center, which was the first of nine hospitals in the state's ten-hospital  
14          system to be privatized, and by extensive debate concerning the state health system in every  
15          session since 2010, the legislature continues to express deep concern about the fiscal and  
16          public health consequences of hospital privatization since the outset of the privatization  
17          efforts; and

18          WHEREAS, these circumstances are of serious concern to policymakers at the city,  
19          regional, and state level; and

20          WHEREAS, for the foregoing reasons, continuation of the task force's efforts is a  
21          priority of the legislature.

22          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23          continue the task force to study and make recommendations concerning health services  
24          delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge region created by House Concurrent Resolution  
25          No. 129 of the 2015 Regular Session.

26          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative authority for the task force shall  
27          continue through December 31, 2017.

28          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership and purposes of the task force  
29          shall continue as provided in House Concurrent Resolution No. 129 of the 2015 Regular  
30          Session.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
2           mayor-president of East Baton Rouge Parish, the chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge  
3           Area Foundation, the chief executive officer of Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical  
4           Center, the chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge General Health System, the chief  
5           executive officer of Lane Regional Medical Center, the chief executive officer of Ochsner  
6           Health System, the coroner of East Baton Rouge Parish, the administrator of East Baton  
7           Rouge Parish Emergency Medical Services, the chief executive officer of the Baton Rouge  
8           Area Chamber, the president of the Louisiana AFL-CIO, the lead organizer of Together  
9           Baton Rouge, the president of the Capital Area Medical Society, the president of the  
10          Campaign for Healthcare for Everyone - Louisiana, the president of the Louisiana Center for  
11          Health Equity, and the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Angela L. De Jean.

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Continues and provides with respect to the 19-member task force to study and make recommendations concerning health services delivery and financing in the Baton Rouge region created by HCR No. 129 of the 2015 Regular Session.

Specifies that the membership and purposes of the task force shall continue as provided in HCR No. 129 of the 2015 Regular Session.

Provides that legislative authority for the study committee shall continue through December 31, 2017.