

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. 48

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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February 24, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Family and Children Services.

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1           A SENATE RESOLUTION to urge the Family and Social  
2 Services Administration (FSSA) to study the accessibility of  
3 prenatal and postnatal care for Hoosiers on Medicaid living in  
4 Lake County.

5           *Whereas, 92 percent of Hoosiers living in Lake County,*  
6 *Indiana have some type of health insurance. 18.5 percent of*  
7 *those insured are insured through Medicaid;*

8           *Whereas, From 2013-2017 half of the babies born in Lake*  
9 *County were born to mothers on Medicaid;*

10           *Whereas, In Lake County, there are 15 hospitals. However,*  
11 *there are few hospitals providing neonatal care and even fewer*  
12 *that provide level IV neonatal care;*

13           *Whereas, Indiana provides mothers with world-class*  
14 *facilities, such as those at Riley Hospital for Children in*  
15 *Indianapolis. Unfortunately, mothers residing in Lake County*  
16 *live three hours from these facilities. Driving to a Chicago*  
17 *hospital is closer and sometimes more convenient for Hoosier*  
18 *mothers on Medicaid living in Lake County;*



1           *Whereas, Indiana Medicaid allows out-of-state hospitals to*  
2           *apply for in-state status if they are treating patients from*  
3           *Indiana. While these hospitals are reimbursed at the same rate,*  
4           *they are not able to collect and pay into Hospital Assessment*  
5           *Fees, according to an FSSA presentation;*

6           *Whereas, Last year, after a letter from Representative*  
7           *Soliday, Representative Reardon, Representative Harris,*  
8           *Senator Charbonneau, and Senator Tallian, the Interim Study*  
9           *Committee on Fiscal Policy studied this issue of Medicaid*  
10           *reimbursement for out-of-state hospitals. An additional study*  
11           *conducted by FSSA is necessary due in part to the number of*  
12           *Medicaid participants living in Lake County and their*  
13           *proximity to out-of-state hospitals; and*

14           *Whereas, There is still more to be done in terms of*  
15           *providing appropriate specialty care close to home for Hoosier*  
16           *moms and babies across the state: Therefore,*

17                           *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*  
18                           *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

19           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate urges FSSA to study  
20           the accessibility of prenatal and postnatal care for Hoosiers on  
21           Medicaid living in Lake County.

22           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed  
23           to transmit a copy of the Resolution to FSSA.

