

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVES COX, BOYD, BRYANT, CARPENTER, FISHER, GREEN, JEFFERSON, JENKINS, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, NEWELL, CHARLES OWEN, PIERRE, AND WILLARD

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the possible outcomes of allowing supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians and its effects on the physician shortage in this state and to report its findings by February 1, 2024.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the board) to take disciplinary actions against physicians who have violated medical practice rules and regulations by way of sanctions or license revocation; and

WHEREAS, the board keeps a public record of the sanctioned physicians in this state; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2011 article by Public Citizen, Louisiana had one of the highest three-year rates of serious disciplinary actions; and

WHEREAS, while a top ranking is impressive, it implies that a significant amount of physicians in this state are being sanctioned; and

WHEREAS, according to a 2021 article by Public Citizen, Louisiana now has a significantly reduced number of serious disciplinary actions and ranks forty-first in the country; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for physician retention in Louisiana as there is a high number of physician vacancies and poor referral rates; and

WHEREAS, there has been substantial work done to develop and expand retention programs for medical professionals to participate in Louisiana residency programs in an effort to retain such medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, the implementation and pending development of such programs has not positively contributed to the current physician shortage; and

WHEREAS, giving sanctioned physicians in this state an opportunity for redemption via supervised practice could address the physician shortage; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners gather and analyze information and data regarding the possible outcomes of allowing supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians as such a change could positively influence the physician shortage and retention issues in this state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to study the possible outcomes of allowing supervised practice for previously sanctioned physicians and its effects on the physician shortage in this state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that on or before February 1, 2024, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners shall submit to the House Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library a written report of its findings and recommendations, including the physicians' demographics.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE