

1 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana must strive to meet federal highway and Federal
2 Transit Administration requirements, as set out in 2005 by SAFETEA-LU, the Safe,
3 Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act - a Legacy for Users, to provide
4 transportation choice, mobility, and access for citizens, and to be administered by the
5 Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and
6 Development; and

7 WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana must strive to meet other federal guidelines for
8 provisions of human services transportation under multiple programs run by eleven federal
9 departments and sixty-two federal programs as stated in the GAO Report to Congress in
10 June, 2003, and titled the Transportation - Disadvantaged Populations - Some Coordination
11 Efforts Among Programs Providing Transportation Services, but Obstacles Persist; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2005, the United We Ride Task Force, comprised of state and local
13 human services and transportation services stakeholders, created the Louisiana Action Plan
14 for Statewide Transportation Coordination that included a framework for data, structure,
15 interaction, and resources to optimize service, funding, and resources, and, notably, by
16 expanding state authority to mandate coordination efforts among all service providers; and

17 WHEREAS, the work of the 2005 United We Ride Task Force was not implemented,
18 largely due to the overshadowing effect of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

19 WHEREAS, the same difficulties and deficiencies exist today including overlaps in
20 service areas; lack of tracking mechanism; lack of coordination among state agencies and
21 other providers of service; escalating costs; the forecast growth in the population of the
22 elderly, disabled, and low-income communities in Louisiana; and lack of overall mobility,
23 access, and alternatives to owning or driving individually owned vehicles.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 authorize and establish the Human Services Coordinated Transit Work Group which shall
26 report recommendations for systemic changes.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group created herein shall consist of
28 the following members:

29 (1) A representative of AARP.

30 (2) A representative of the Center for Planning Excellence.

- 1 (3) A representative of the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission.
- 2 (4) A representative of the South Central Planning and Development
3 Commission.
- 4 (5) A representative of a Council on Aging.
- 5 (6) A representative of the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs.
- 6 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Public Health Institute.
- 7 (8) A representative of the ARC.
- 8 (9) A representative of VetTrans.
- 9 (10) A representative of Catholic Charities of New Orleans.
- 10 (11) A representative of PACE - New Orleans.
- 11 (12) A representative from the private sector providers of human services
12 transport.
- 13 (13) A representative of the Area Agency on Aging.
- 14 (14) Representatives of the Department of Health and Hospitals, who will
15 collectively have one vote and include the office of aging and adult services, office of
16 behavioral health, office of citizens with developmental disabilities, and Medicaid.
- 17 (15) A representative of the American Planning Association, Louisiana Chapter.
- 18 (16) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Social Workers.
- 19 (17) A representative of the Greater New Orleans Foundation.
- 20 (18) A representative of the Louisiana Public Transit Association.
- 21 (19) A representative of the Statewide Independent Living Council.
- 22 (20) A representative of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.
- 23 (21) A representative of Louisiana Rehabilitation Services.
- 24 (22) A representative of the Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and
25 Development Commission.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group shall convene no later than
27 October 1, 2011, to review best practices in other areas in the nation, the 2003 GAO Report,
28 the 2005 United We Ride Task Force Report, 2010 census data, and other relevant reports
29 and information that help to establish existing conditions, forecast needs, identify gaps,
30 control costs, and make existing services more effective and prepared for the future.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all departments, boards, agencies, officers, and
2 institutions or the state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the study group in
3 providing information to assist in carrying out the mission.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group shall report its findings and
5 recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of
6 the Legislature of Louisiana.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Harrison

HCR No. 131

Creates the Human Services Coordinated Transit Work Group, led by DOTD, with active support and leadership commitment from both public and private stakeholders to improve mobility, optimize efficiencies, and manage costs of transit and paratransit services for both able-bodied and disabled persons.

Requires the group to report its findings and recommendations to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2012 R.S.