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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

HEALTH/BEHAVIORAL: Requests a comprehensive assessment and report on substance use disorder treatment capacity and needs statewide

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health
3	to conduct a comprehensive assessment of this state's capacity and needs with
4	respect to substance use disorder treatment and to report findings of the assessment
5	to the legislative committees on health and welfare.
6	WHEREAS, the effects of untreated substance use disorders are often devastating
7	for families and communities; and
8	WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse of the National Institutes of Health
9	characterizes opioid abuse as a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as
10	social and economic welfare; and
11	WHEREAS, the opioid crisis in this state and nation has grown more severe during
12	the COVID-19 pandemic; concurrently, substance use disorders involving alcohol and other
13	mind- and mood-altering substances have also become more prevalent and acute since 2020
14	in populations across all states; and
15	WHEREAS, substance use disorders are taking a vast toll on lives in Louisiana and
16	throughout the United States; and
17	WHEREAS, enhancing the capacity of substance use disorder treatment providers
18	is an urgent public health need in this state; and
19	WHEREAS, as a matter of public policy, substance use disorder treatment capacity
20	should be directed to places and populations in which the needs for such treatment are the
21	greatest; however, a suitable allocation of treatment provider capacity can only be

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treatment for adolescents.

accomplished in Louisiana if policymakers understand this state's substance use disorder 2 treatment needs and resources as they exist presently; and 3 WHEREAS, due to the abundance of specialized expertise among staff of the office 4 of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health, this office is uniquely qualified 5 to provide situational awareness to the legislature concerning substance use disorder 6 treatment capacity and unmet needs for such treatment in this state. 7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 8 urge and request the office of behavioral health of the Louisiana Department of Health to 9 conduct a comprehensive, statewide assessment of this state's capacity and needs with 10 respect to substance use disorder treatment. 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the assessment called for in this 12 Resolution, the office of behavioral health shall consider the current capacity of both 13 outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment providers as well as present levels 14 of unmet needs for outpatient and residential substance use disorder treatment. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health shall submit the 16 findings of the assessment called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to the House 17 Committee on Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the 18 David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days prior to the 19 convening of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report required by this Resolution shall 21 identify and discuss gaps in service delivery, propose means to ensure access to the full 22 continuum of recovery services throughout this state, and delineate a strategy for enhancing 23 substance use disorder treatment provider capacity statewide. 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report required by this Resolution shall 25 include, without limitation, sections that address the following special topics: 26 (1) Costs and benefits associated with prioritizing nonprofit residential treatment 27 providers within future investments in Medicaid-funded substance use disorder treatment 28 capacity. 29 (2) Provider capacity and unmet needs associated with substance use disorder

1 (3) Provider capacity and unmet needs associated with substance use disorder 2 treatment for women with children. 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study of substance use 4 disorder treatment capacity and needs called for in this Resolution, the office of behavioral 5 health shall engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from substance 6 use disorder treatment providers and provider agencies and shall provide documentation of 7 this engagement and collaboration in the report required by this Resolution. 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of behavioral health shall engage, 9 collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from the Department of Children 10 and Family Services in developing the sections of the report called for in this Resolution 11 concerning substance use disorder treatment needs of adolescents and of women with 12 children. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 14 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the secretary of the Department of 15 Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the office of behavioral health (OBH) of the La. Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive assessment of this state's capacity and needs with respect to substance use disorder treatment.

Requires OBH to report findings of the assessment to the legislative committees on health and welfare no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2023 R.S.