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2018 Regular Session

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE AMEDEE

PUBLIC HEALTH: Requests a study of cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency access to epinephrine at public places

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

## 2 To urge and request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health to 3 conduct a study concerning cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency 4 access to epinephrine at public places, and to report findings of the study to the 5 legislative committees on health and welfare. 6 WHEREAS, epinephrine is a naturally occurring hormone which, as an injectable 7 medicine, is used to treat anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction caused by foods, 8 insect bites, and other allergens; and 9 WHEREAS, epinephrine is administered via a device known as an auto-injector 10 which is designed to allow a person without medical training to easily inject someone 11 experiencing a serious allergic reaction with a life-saving dose of the medicine; and 12 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 99 of the 2014 Regular Session would have authorized 13 any person licensed by this state to dispense a prescription drug order to dispense 14 epinephrine auto-injectors pursuant to a prescription issued in the name of any public place 15 at which allergens capable of causing anaphylaxis may be present, including but not limited 16 to day care facilities, churches, restaurants and other retail businesses, recreation camps, 17 youth sports leagues, sports arenas, and amusement parks; and 18 WHEREAS, this legislation also would have required employees at public places 19 receiving epinephrine auto-injectors to complete training on responding to anaphylaxis prior to administering epinephrine, and would have required that such training be conducted by 20 21 a nationally recognized organization approved by the Louisiana Department of Health; and

1	WHEREAS, the fiscal note on House Bill No. 99 of the 2014 Regular Session
2	indicated that the bill's requirements, particularly those relative to training, were estimated
3	to increase the Louisiana Department of Health's total state general fund expenditures by two
4	hundred forty-five thousand dollars in state fiscal year 2014-2015, and to increase such
5	expenditures by four percent annually in future fiscal years; and
6	WHEREAS, it is appropriate to call for an effort by the office of public health to
7	identify cost-effective means by which to facilitate safe access to life-saving epinephrine in
8	public places in this state.
9	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10	urge and request the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health to
11	conduct a study concerning cost-effective means by which to facilitate emergency access to
12	epinephrine at public places.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in addition to examining costs and benefits of
14	facilitating emergency access to epinephrine at public places, the office of public health shall
15	also examine and report on the following matters relating to epinephrine:
16	(1) Appropriate dosages of epinephrine based upon different persons' age, weight,
17	and other physiological characteristics.
18	(2) The duration for which epinephrine auto-injectors can be stored.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of public health shall issue findings
20	and recommendations from the study called for in this Resolution in the form of a report to
21	the House Committee on Health and Welfare and the Senate Committee on Health and
22	Welfare no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2019 Regular Session of the
23	Legislature of Louisiana.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25	assistant secretary of the office of public health and to the secretary of the Louisiana
26	Department of Health.

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## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Require that in addition to examining costs and benefits of facilitating emergency access to epinephrine at public places, the office of public health shall also examine and report on the following matters relating to epinephrine:
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