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HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 2

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Requests the Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to study the compensation allocated to each member for legislative assistants and make recommendations relative thereto

A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST

2	To the House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on
3	Senate and Governmental Affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to
4	study issues related to the compensation allocated to each legislator for legislative
5	assistants and to report the findings of the joint committee to the Legislative
6	Budgetary Control Council and to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2021
7	Regular Session of the Legislature.
8	WHEREAS, during the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, then Speaker of the
9	House of Representatives, Representative Jim Tucker, introduced legislation, House Bill No.
10	1063, to address the issue of the compensation of legislative assistants; and
11	WHEREAS, during his presentation of the legislation, Speaker Tucker conveyed that
12	many members had a difficult time finding qualified legislative assistants to work for them
13	and the legislature due to the existing salary schedule that was established in law; and
14	WHEREAS, Speaker Tucker further indicated during his presentation that one of the
15	purposes of his legislation was to take the salary schedule for legislative assistants out of the
16	statutes and turn it over to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council so that in the future
17	the legislature would have greater flexibility to revise legislative assistant salaries as
18	necessary; and
19	WHEREAS, Act No. 838 of the 2008 Regular Session of the Legislature, which
20	directed the Legislative Budgetary Control Council to establish and provide for the

- 1 implementation of a salary schedule for legislative assistants and to provide a mechanism
- 2 to factor in other governmental experience of a legislative assistant and authorized the
- 3 council to make adjustments to the salary schedule as necessary, became effective on July
- 4 1, 2008; and
- 5 WHEREAS, many legislators continue to have a difficult time finding qualified
- 6 legislative assistants to work for them and the legislature due to the existing salary
- 7 allotments available to them for that purpose.
- 8 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on House
- 9 and Governmental Affairs and the Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs
- 10 to meet and to function as a joint committee to study issues related to the compensation
- allocated to each legislator for legislative assistants, and to report the findings of the joint
- 12 committee to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and to the legislature prior to the
- convening of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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Requests the House and Senate committees on governmental affairs to meet and to function as a joint committee to study issues related to the compensation allocated to each legislator for legislative assistants and to report findings to the Legislative Budgetary Control Council and to the legislature prior to the 2021 R.S.