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HOUSE CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST NO. 4

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INSURANCE/HEALTH-ACCID: Requests the House and Senate insurance committees to study requiring health insurance coverage of an annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases

1	A CONCURRENT STUDY REQUEST
2	To the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance to meet and
3	to function as a joint committee to study requiring health insurance coverage of an
4	annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases, and to report the findings of the
5	joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session
6	of the Legislature.
7	WHEREAS, House Bill No. 265 of the 2010 Regular Session would have required
8	health insurance coverage of an annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases; and
9	WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control estimates that there are nineteen million
10	new sexually transmitted disease infections each year in the United States; and
11	WHEREAS, in 2008, Louisiana had the fifth highest chlamydia case rate in the
12	nation, with nearly twenty-three thousand newly reported cases; and
13	WHEREAS, in 2008, Louisiana had the second highest gonorrhea case rate in the
14	nation, with approximately nine thousand five hundred newly reported cases; and
15	WHEREAS, in 2008, Louisiana had the highest primary and secondary syphilis case
16	rate in the nation, with a case rate almost four times higher than the national rate; and
17	WHEREAS, in 2008, Louisiana had the highest congenital syphilis case rate in the
18	nation, with a case rate almost four times higher than the national rate; and

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WHEREAS, in 2008, over sixteen thousand persons were living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana, with approximately eighty thousand six hundred with an AIDS diagnosis and one thousand one hundred new HIV diagnoses that year; and

4 WHEREAS, the state's HIV/AIDS epidemic will impact public health for decades 5 as the lifetime cost for one AIDS patient is over one hundred thousand dollars, primarily 6 paid by the government; and 7 WHEREAS, new cases of AIDS will obligate Louisiana to about one hundred 8 twenty million dollars in future medical costs each year; and 9 WHEREAS, annual screening for these sexually transmitted diseases will help to 10 detect them at an earlier stage, stemming their spread by providing for earlier, more effective 11 treatment. 12 THEREFORE, the Legislature of Louisiana requests the House Committee on 13 Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance to meet and to function as a joint 14 committee to study requiring health insurance coverage of an annual screening for sexually 15 transmitted diseases and to report the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior 16 to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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Requests the House Committee on Insurance and the Senate Committee on Insurance to meet and to function as a joint committee to study requiring health insurance coverage of an annual screening for sexually transmitted diseases. Also requires a report of the findings of the joint committee to the legislature prior to the convening of the 2011 R.S.