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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 90

## BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

## CHILDREN/DCFS: Requests an efficiency audit of the state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services to conduct an annual
3	audit to improve agency efficiency, the productivity of Louisiana's Temporary
4	Assistance for Needy Families program, and child welfare overall.
5	WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
6	is to keep children safe, help individuals and families become self-sufficient, and provide
7	safe refuge during disasters; and
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program
9	provides assistance throughout the state to needy families with, or expecting, children and
10	childless individuals with very low income; and
11	WHEREAS, DCFS administers and supervises the care, welfare, and special
12	initiatives that comprise Louisiana's TANF program; and
13	WHEREAS, an efficiency audit is an investigation of the implementation and
14	administration of an agency's program; and
15	WHEREAS, conducting an efficiency audit can provide valuable information on
16	increasing organizational productivity and cost effectiveness; and
17	WHEREAS, in recent years, other states like Texas have conducted efficiency audits
18	for their TANF programs, with the Texas audit being a notable example for our state; and

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1	WHEREAS, an efficiency audit can aid this state as it continues to improve during
2	its transition from a centralized, government-run child welfare bureaucracy to a
3	decentralized, community-led system; and
4	WHEREAS, use of such an efficiency audit will likely inform the state of actions that
5	can bring its child welfare system into compliance with federal requirements and inform
6	overall program effectiveness; and
7	WHEREAS, it is appropriate that an efficiency audit be conducted on the TANF
8	program of this state; and
9	WHEREAS, it is also appropriate that such an audit be conducted on an annual basis.
10	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
11	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Children and
12	Family Services to conduct an annual audit to improve agency efficiency, the productivity
13	of Louisiana's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, and child welfare overall.
14	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15	secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services.

## DIGEST

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