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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to provide budget and fiscal planning training to incoming mayors.

WHEREAS, one of the duties of mayors in Louisiana is to prepare and submit an annual operations budget pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:404(A)(5); and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Auditor serves as the fiscal advisor to the legislature and is required to perform the duties and functions provided by law related to auditing fiscal records of political subdivisions pursuant to Article III, Section 11 of the Louisiana Constitution; and

WHEREAS, no formal classes or training are required to educate incoming mayors on governmental budgets and finances; and

WHEREAS, mayors are presumed to have committed malfeasance if audits are not completed for three consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, municipalities in Louisiana are being placed under fiscal administration, and such action could be deterred if mayors receive comprehensive training and education in budget and fiscal matters specifically related to local governmental finances; and

WHEREAS, fiscal planning training and education provided by the Legislative Auditor to incoming mayors would ensure successful performance of their fiscal duties and compliance with state law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to provide budget and fiscal planning training to incoming mayors in Louisiana.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES