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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means to ensure the proper utilization of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder medications in Louisiana and to report its findings to the legislature.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective
3	means to ensure the proper utilization of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
4	medications in Louisiana and to report its findings to the Senate Committee on
5	Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare.
6	WHEREAS, the use of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
7	medications among Americans rose thirty-five point five percent from 2008 to 2012; and
8	WHEREAS, the number of young adults ages twenty-six to thirty-four taking
9	medications for ADHD has nearly doubled nationwide from three hundred forty thousand
10	in 2008 to six hundred forty thousand in 2012; and
11	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the second highest proportion of residents in the country
12	on an ADHD medication at four point seven percent for the population as a whole; and
13	WHEREAS, thirteen point six percent of boys ages twelve to eighteen in Louisiana
14	are on an ADHD medication; and
15	WHEREAS, Louisiana has the highest number of older girls and young women on
16	ADHD treatments in the country, with seven point eight percent of girls ages twelve to
17	eighteen and eight percent of women ages nineteen to twenty-five on an ADHD medication;
18	and

1	WHEREAS, there are risks associated with the use of ADHD medications, including
2	addiction and adverse reactions in patients with cardiovascular disease or related conditions;
3	and
4	WHEREAS, ADHD medications may also increase risks of other psychiatric
5	conditions and can cause seizures if taken in high doses; and
6	WHEREAS, one in eight teenagers has misused or abused ADHD medications at
7	least once in his lifetime; and
8	WHEREAS, almost one in ten teenagers has misused or abused ADHD medications
9	in the past year; and
10	WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana finds that ensuring the proper utilization
11	of ADHD medication is an important public health priority for the state.
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13	urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means
14	to ensure the proper utilization of ADHD medications in Louisiana and to report its findings
15	to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and
16	Welfare.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the department may
18	engage, collaborate with, and obtain information and perspective from stakeholder groups
19	with an interest in the proper utilization of ADHD medications.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall provide the findings of this
21	study in the form of a report to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House
22	Committee on Health and Welfare on or before February 1, 2015.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24	secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christopher D. Adams.

DIGEST

Heitmeier SCR No. 39

Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the most effective means to ensure the proper utilization of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) medications in Louisiana and to report its findings to the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and the House Committee on Health and Welfare.