

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 156

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

HEALTH/HOSPITALS DEPT. Directs the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of the implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status of  
3 implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the  
4 Legislature of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the legislature directed the  
6 Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to develop a comprehensive plan to address the  
7 delivery of quality services to persons receiving home-and-community-based services and  
8 to submit such plan for implementation to the Senate and House of Representatives health  
9 and welfare committees by January 15, 2012; and

10 WHEREAS, Act 299 mandates nine specific focus areas to be addressed by the plan,  
11 which are: (1) accreditation of providers; (2) compliance of providers with standards and  
12 ongoing monitoring; (3) billing procedures; (4) cost reporting by providers; (5) support  
13 coordination in order to streamline the delivery of services; (6) rate reimbursement; (7) use  
14 of technology; (8) Medicaid enrollment; and (9) Medicaid delivery options, including the  
15 use of organized health care delivery systems; and

16 WHEREAS, DHH convened a wide variety of stakeholders and produced a report  
17 that addressed these nine focus areas, outlining recommendations and a plan for  
18 implementation of the recommendations and submitted the report to the legislative health

1 and welfare committees; and

2 WHEREAS, DHH believes that implementation of the plan has begun to produce the  
3 desired results of improved quality and cost effectiveness as well as compliance with  
4 licensure standards; and

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has been actively involved in enacting  
6 legislation to control costs and improve quality in home-and-community-based services and  
7 has an ongoing interest in seeing the plan fully implemented.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
9 does hereby direct the Department of Health and Hospitals to submit a report on the status  
10 of the implementation of the plan mandated by Act 299 of the 2011 Regular Session of the  
11 Legislature of Louisiana to the Senate and House of Representatives health and welfare  
12 committees on or before February 1, 2013.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
14 secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Mary Dozier O'Brien.

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DIGEST

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