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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 95

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LONG TERM CARE. Requests the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study best practices for coverage of long-term supports and services.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study best
3 practices for the coverage of long-term supports and services and to increase public
4 knowledge and awareness of the prevalence of need for long-term supports and
5 services among older adults, the costs of services, and the implications for
6 individuals and their families.

7 WHEREAS, long-term supports and services consist of a broad range of day-to-day
8 help needed by people with long-term conditions, disabilities, or frailty; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2018, fourteen million adults in the United States needed long-term
10 supports and services; and

11 WHEREAS, while people with long-term supports and services needs are of all ages,
12 the likelihood of needing long-term services and supports grows as people age; and

13 WHEREAS, without family-provided help, many individuals with long-term
14 supports and services needs would lack the critical support they need to live in the
15 community; and

16 WHEREAS, aside from any availability issues, the cost of paid services often is an
17 impediment to fully meeting needs, with some people foregoing necessary care because of
18 the expense; and

1 WHEREAS, in spite of the large number of people who will need long-term supports
2 and services and the potential threat to retirement security that the high costs represent, most
3 Americans are unaware of how much this care costs or who routinely pays for such services.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby urge and request the Department of Insurance to create a task force to study best
6 practices for the coverage of long-term supports and services and to increase public
7 knowledge and awareness of the prevalence of need for long-term supports and services
8 among older adults, the costs of services, and the implications for individuals and their
9 families.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of
11 representatives from any relevant and interested parties including but not limited to the
12 following members:

- 13 (1) The commissioner of insurance or his designee.
- 14 (2) The deputy commissioner of the office of health, life and annuity of the
15 Department of Insurance or his designee.
- 16 (3) The deputy commissioner of the office of consumer services of the
17 Department of Insurance or his designee.
- 18 (4) The chief executive officer of the Louisiana Association of Health Plans or
19 his designee.
- 20 (5) The state director of AARP Louisiana or his designee.
- 21 (6) The director of the governor's office of elderly affairs or his designee.
- 22 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana Nursing Home Association or his
23 designee.
- 24 (8) The chair of the Louisiana Assisted Living Association or his designee.
- 25 (9) The president of the Louisiana State Medical Society or his designee.
- 26 (10) The president and chief executive officer of the Council for a Better
27 Louisiana or his designee.
- 28 (11) The president of the Advocacy Center or his designee.
- 29 (12) A consumer of long-term care services to be appointed by the commissioner
30 of insurance.

- 1 (13) A nurse practitioner with a geriatric specialty appointed by the president of
- 2 the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners.
- 3 (14) A home- and community-based provider appointed by the commissioner of
- 4 insurance.
- 5 (15) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- 6 (16) The assistant secretary of the office of aging and adult services of the
- 7 Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- 8 (17) The assistant secretary of the office for citizens with developmental
- 9 disabilities of the Louisiana Department of Health or his designee.
- 10 (18) The director of the bureau of health services financing of the Louisiana
- 11 Department of Health or his designee.
- 12 (19) The commissioner of administration or his designee.
- 13 (20) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Insurance.
- 14 (21) The executive director of the Louisiana Managed Medicaid Association or
- 15 his designee.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in carrying out the purposes of this Resolution,

17 the task force may engage and solicit input, recommendations, and advice from all interested

18 parties and stakeholders.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is assigned to the Department of

20 Insurance, with staff support to be provided from existing personnel within the department.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of insurance shall issue the

22 first invitation for the initial meeting of the task force no later than September 1, 2021.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this task force shall serve

24 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be

25 individually entitled as members of their constituent organizations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the Senate Committee on

27 Insurance shall serve as chairman of the task force.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all departments, boards, agencies, officers, and

29 institutions of the state and all subdivisions thereof shall cooperate with the task force in

30 providing information to assist the task force in carrying out its mission.

