

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 4

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11—Relative to the National Children’s Study.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

SJR 11, Correa. National Children’s Study.

This measure would memorialize the President and Congress of the United States to enact legislation to ensure the continuation of funding for the National Children’s Study, which is a longitudinal study focusing on a long-term observation of children’s health as impacted by genetics and environmental conditions.

WHEREAS, The Children’s Health Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-310), authorized the National Children’s Study, a multiyear study of key health characteristics of America’s children; and

WHEREAS, The National Children’s Study (NCS) is a longitudinal study of 100,000 children in America, focusing on long-term observation of their health, as impacted by genetics and environmental conditions; and

WHEREAS, The NCS is focusing on six key diseases; asthma, autism, diabetes, injury, obesity, and schizophrenia; and

WHEREAS, The NCS will focus on 100,000 children from before birth to their 21st birthday and is patterned on the well-known Framingham Heart Study, which began in 1948, and focused on heart disease. Researchers credit this previous study with making a substantial contribution to the 42-percent decrease in mortality from heart disease between 1979 and 1990; and

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate have both continued to provide funding for this study and an appropriation of one hundred ten million nine hundred thousand dollars (\$110,900,000) has been proposed for the 2008 federal budget; and

WHEREAS, The Counties of Humboldt, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, and Ventura have been selected to participate in this study, with Orange County being identified as the Vanguard County; and

WHEREAS, Information from the study will be made available within two or three years, and updated periodically to provide important information to medical and public health researchers on the impact of environmental factors on the health of children; and

WHEREAS, A coalition of almost 100 organizations is supporting the NCS, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American

Chemistry Council, the American Pediatric Society, the American Public Health Association, the Association of American Medical Colleges, Easter Seals, the March of Dimes, the National Catholic Education Association, National Association of Counties, National Association of County and City Health Officials, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, National Hispanic Medical Association, United Cerebral Palsy, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature calls upon the Congress to present to the President, and calls upon the President to sign legislation to ensure the continuation of funding for the NCS; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.