

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule relative to requirements with respect to student lunch time.

WHEREAS, meals provided at public schools serve to meet the nutritional needs of students; and

WHEREAS, proper nutrition for students leads to better health outcomes and higher levels of academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, proper nutrition requires that students have enough seated lunch time during the lunch period to fully consume their food; and

WHEREAS, the presence of state mandated assessments may encourage teachers and administrators to curtail the length of the student lunch period in order to produce better educational outcomes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges and requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule to read substantively as follows: "Each local education agency shall provide no less than twenty minutes of time for students to be seated and consume their food. The twenty minutes of seated lunch time shall be separate from the time required for students to navigate from the classroom to the lunch room, stand in line to receive the lunch meal, and to return to the classroom after lunch has been consumed."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE