2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

STUDENT/HOME STUDY: Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the establishment of a student resource center for students in approved home study programs and the use of surplus space in state-owned immovable property for such programs

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the
3	feasibility and costs of establishing a student resource center for students in approved
4	home study programs and of using surplus space in immovable property owned by
5	the state for such programs and to submit a written report of findings and
6	conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to
7	the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later
8	than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature
9	of Louisiana.
10	WHEREAS, R.S. 17:236.1 grants the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
11	Education the authority to approve home study programs; and
12	WHEREAS, student resource centers help students improve their academic
13	performance by providing a place where they can focus on study skills, time management,
14	individual academic needs, and tutoring; and
15	WHEREAS, the establishment of a student resource center for students in approved
16	home study programs would be an opportunity to support student learning and may assist
17	such students in making a successful transition to postsecondary education; and
18	WHEREAS, in addition to studying the feasibility and costs of establishing a student
19	resource center for students in approved home study programs, the State Board of

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Elementary and Secondary Education should look to the possibility of using surplus space

2 in immovable property owned by the state of Louisiana for such programs; and

WHEREAS, parents may choose the curriculum for their child's home study program, and to help parents in making these choices, the state Department of Education provides numerous free resources on its website that can be used for curriculum development; and

WHEREAS, in addition to online assistance, it would be beneficial for students in
approved home study programs to have access to a communal space to gather, to do
homework and study, and to share knowledge and academic resources.

10 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 11 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the 12 feasibility and costs of establishing a student resource center for students in approved home 13 study programs and of using surplus space in immovable property owned by the state for 14 such programs and to submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any 15 recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education 16 and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of 17 the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 19 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state

20 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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