2019 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE LYONS

EARLY CHILDHOOD: Requests the state Dept. of Education, the La. Dept. of Health, and the Dept. of Children and Family Services to work collaboratively to coordinate opportunities and access to early childhood programs

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the state Department of Education, the Louisiana Department of Health,
3	and the Department of Children and Family Services to continue to work
4	collaboratively to coordinate opportunities and access to early childhood programs
5	at the state and local levels.
6	WHEREAS, studies have demonstrated the value of investments in early childhood
7	programs that improve basic social, emotional, and cognitive skills of young children at the
8	earliest possible age; and
9	WHEREAS, research has shown that investment in high-quality early childhood
10	programs has an immediate economic development impact as well as long-term economic
11	benefits; and
12	WHEREAS, state entities involved in the oversight or provision of early childhood
13	programs should collaborate and integrate processes to the fullest extent possible and
14	administer early childhood programs in such a way that ensures the safety, welfare, and
15	healthy development of children; and
16	WHEREAS, R.S. 17:407.21 et seq., directs the State Board of Elementary and
17	Secondary Education to create a comprehensive and integrated network through which it
18	manages and oversees all programs funded through state or federal resources that provide
19	early childhood care or educational services; and

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1	WHEREAS, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved a			
2	framework to implement the Early Childhood Care and Education Network which was			
3	developed in collaboration with the Louisiana Department of Health, the Department of			
4	Children and Family Services, the Louisiana Early Childhood Advisory Council, the			
5	Nonpublic Schools Council, and the Child Care Association of Louisiana; and			
6	WHEREAS, the framework to implement the Early Childhood Care and Education			
7	Network included the following:			
8	(1) Funding based on performance and demand that ensures that all parents,			
9	regardless of income, have access to higher quality programs that prepare their child for			
10	success in school; and			
11	(2) Clear and easy-to-understand information that allows families to make informed			
12	decisions about what program is best for their young children; and			
13	(3) Resources and support to improve the quality of care and instruction to ensure			
14	all students have access to effective early childhood professionals; and			
15	WHEREAS, this framework is necessary to inform continued collaboration and			
16	efforts among state agencies to ensure maximum effectiveness of the Early Childhood Care			
17	and Education Network, support to parents and child care providers, and appropriate			
18	oversight; and			
19	WHEREAS, there is a continuing need for better coordination and collaboration			
20	among early childhood programs operating in the state, including more regular dialogue and			
21	increased information sharing among the various providers of such programs at all levels as			
22	well as school governing authorities, businesses, and local governments that participate in			
23	community networks.			
24	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby			
25	urge and request the state Department of Education, the Louisiana Department of Health,			
26	and the Department of Children and Family Services to continue to work collaboratively to			
27	coordinate opportunities and access to early childhood programs at the state and local levels.			
28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education shall submit			
29	a written report to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education,			

- 1 the House Committee on Health and Welfare, and the Senate Committee on Health and
- 2 Welfare on the status and progress of the collaboration by December 1, 2019.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 4 state superintendent of education, the president of the State Board of Elementary and
- 5 Secondary Education, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the secretary
- 6 of the Department of Children and Family Services.

DIGEST

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Requests the state Dept. of Education, the La. Dept. of Health, and the Dept. of Children and Family Services to continue to work collaboratively to coordinate opportunities and access to early childhood programs and provides for a written report by Dec. 1, 2019.