

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38

BY REPRESENTATIVE KERNER

CHILDREN/TUTORSHIP: Requests the La. State Bar Association to work with organizations providing legal aid to assist parents and guardians of children with disabilities to obtain permanent tutorships

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association to raise awareness about permanent
3 tutorships and to work with legal aid organizations to help assist parents and
4 guardians of children with disabilities to obtain permanent tutorship.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association mission is to assist and serve its
6 members in the practice of law, assure access to and aid in the administration of justice, and
7 increase public understanding of and respect for the law; and

8 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association's mission is also to expand access
9 to justice; and

10 WHEREAS, the purpose of a legal aid organization is to help people who cannot
11 afford to pay for representation; and

12 WHEREAS, parents have an interest in making decisions including educational,
13 medical, and financial decisions for their child; and

14 WHEREAS, a tutorship is the procedure to establish the legal responsibility of a
15 person to care for a minor child through appointment by a court to be the child's tutor; and

16 WHEREAS, a tutorship can last past a child's eighteenth birthday if the court finds
17 the child has a serious developmental disability; and

18 WHEREAS, persons, including certain children, with intellectual disabilities or
19 mental deficiencies may be placed under a continuing or permanent tutorship without formal

1 or complete interdiction in accordance with the rules and the procedures stated in the
2 Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure; and

3 WHEREAS, parents or guardians of a child may not be able to afford legal
4 representation to obtain a permanent tutorship.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 urge and request the Louisiana State Bar Association to raise awareness about permanent
7 tutorships and work with legal aid organizations to assist parents and guardians of children
8 with disabilities to obtain permanent tutorship.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 Louisiana State Bar Association Board of Governors.

DIGEST

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