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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

## BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

BESE: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study and encourage the presence of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters in schools

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study and
3	encourage the presence of chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions
4	(SADD) in schools throughout the state and to submit a written report of findings,
5	conclusions, and progress to the House Committee on Education and the Senate
6	Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012
7	Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
8	WHEREAS, SADD, which was founded in 1981 as Students Against Drunk Driving,
9	began with the simple philosophy that young people, empowered to help each other, are the
10	most effective force in the prevention of harmful behavior; and
11	WHEREAS, in 1997, SADD expanded its mission and changed its name to Students
12	Against Destructive Decisions, and today it is the nation's preeminent peer-to-peer youth
13	education and prevention organization with thousands of chapters in middle schools, high
14	schools, and colleges; and
15	WHEREAS, with this expanded focus, SADD now focuses on prevention of all
16	destructive behaviors and attitudes that are harmful to young people, including underage
17	drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, violence, and suicide; and
18	WHEREAS, SADD's unique approach facilitates young people's delivery of
19	education and prevention messages to their peers through school and community activities
20	and campaigns responsive to the needs of their particular locations; and

1 WHEREAS, as a youth prevention program that begins with and evolves from efforts 2 on the local level, SADD's programs are designed to be age appropriate, culturally 3 appropriate, and cost effective; and 4 WHEREAS, with the many challenges that Louisiana's young people face today, it would be beneficial to study and encourage the presence of chapters of SADD in schools 5 6 throughout the state as a means of empowering young people to lead education and 7 prevention initiatives in their schools and communities. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study and 10 encourage the presence of chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) in 11 schools throughout the state and to submit, in compliance with R.S. 24:771 and 772, a 12 written report of its findings, conclusions, and progress to the House Committee on 13 Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the 14 beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the 16 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and to the state 17 superintendent of education.

## DIGEST

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Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study and encourage the presence of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) chapters in schools throughout the state and submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and progress to the House and Senate education committees at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2012 R.S.