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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 116

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Requests BESE to study and report on issues relative to student assessment programs and policies

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study all
3	issues relative to student assessment programs currently administered to students in
4	public elementary and secondary schools and to report its findings and
5	recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
6	on Education prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature
7	of Louisiana.
8	WHEREAS, House Bill No. 406 of the 2011 Regular Session was heard in the House
9	Committee on Education on June 14, 2011, and was voluntarily deferred by the author; and
10	WHEREAS, the bill required the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
11	Education to develop and adopt a policy for the administration of certain assessment
12	instruments for public school students; and
13	WHEREAS, the bill further provided relative to passing scores required of students
14	on such assessments and specified grade levels and subjects for such assessments; and
15	WHEREAS, in the testimony given by proponents of the bill during the committee
16	debate, concerns were raised about the types and numbers of tests required to be
17	administered to Louisiana public school students and that there may be too many such tests
18	which may be resulting in more stress and anxiety for the students and in less instructional
19	time devoted to teaching basic academic subjects; and
20	WHEREAS, in order to properly and sufficiently address these concerns and other
21	related concerns and issues, it is necessary that a thorough study be conducted and findings

1 and recommendations be presented to the legislature so that any necessary legislation can

- 2 be introduced at the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
- THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
- 4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and
- 5 Secondary Education to study all issues relative to student assessment programs currently
- 6 required for students in the state's public elementary and secondary schools and to report its
- 7 findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate
- 8 Committee on Education prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session of the
- 9 Legislature of Louisiana.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the board shall review
- all board policies, state law, and any federal laws, rules, regulations, or guidelines relative
- 12 to student assessment programs and the extent to which such rules, regulations, policies, and
- laws are duplicative, extraneous, or not cost efficient for public school students in Louisiana.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

DIGEST

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Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study all issues relative to student assessment programs currently required for students in the state's public elementary and secondary schools and to report its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2012 R.S. Further provides that such study shall include a review of the board's policies, state law, and any federal laws, rules, regulations, or guidelines relative to student assessment programs and the extent to which such rules, regulations, policies, and laws are duplicative, extraneous, or not cost efficient.