

1 WHEREAS, student safety should be the utmost priority at both the state and local
2 levels, and in spite of current law and state board policy, there are students who are bullied
3 by other students; and

4 WHEREAS, it is vital that the procedures and processes for the reporting and
5 investigation of bullying effectively provide for the thorough investigation of bullying
6 incidents, the appropriate responses to students who exhibit bullying behaviors and to
7 students who are bullying targets, and the establishment of preventative measures to reduce
8 the recurrence of bullying; and

9 WHEREAS, in order for the public education system to meet its constitutional goal
10 of providing learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that
11 are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence, it is imperative that every possible
12 precaution be taken to ensure the protection of Louisiana's students from bullying.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to
15 study and evaluate the effectiveness of current state policy to address and prevent student
16 bullying and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House
17 Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2017 Regular
18 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report shall include the following:

20 (1) Statistical data including the number and type of all bullying incidents reported
21 to the state Department of Education by public school governing authorities as required by
22 R.S. 17:416.13 and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy.

23 (2) Recommendations for any changes necessary to strengthen the current laws and
24 policies on bullying.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26 to the state superintendent of education and the president of the State Board of Elementary
27 and Secondary Education.

DIGEST

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Requests the state Dept. of Education to study and evaluate the effectiveness of current state policy to address and prevent student bullying and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education prior to the 2017 R.S. Provides that such report shall include statistical data on the number and type of all bullying incidents reported by public school governing authorities and recommendations for any changes necessary to strengthen the current laws and policies on bullying.