

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 176

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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to resume publication of the Annual Financial and Statistical Report which, at a minimum, includes the data points historically provided in the report and to ensure the data provided in the report is in an easily understood format.

WHEREAS, the data collected by the state Department of Education is pertinent to making education policy decisions for the entire state; and

WHEREAS, the website for the state Department of Education includes much of the data that is received annually by the department; and

WHEREAS, accessing such data may be difficult and time consuming for many users who are not employed by the state Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, the department previously published the Annual Financial and Statistical Report (AFSR) which was filled with useful, comparative data; and

WHEREAS, many stakeholders relied on the AFSR data to inform their work to ensure Louisiana's public elementary and secondary schools were providing high quality education services to all students; and

WHEREAS, the last annual AFSR was published in 2015 and included data for the 2011-2012 school year; and

WHEREAS, state law and department policy still requires local public school governing authorities to annually report the data historically included in the AFSR to the department on annual basis; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to resume publication of the Annual Financial and Statistical Report which, at a minimum, includes the data points historically provided in the report and to ensure the data provided in the report is in an easily understood format.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate does hereby urge and request the department to publish an AFSR, which includes 2016-2017 data, by December 1, 2018.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE