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## **ORIGINAL**

2019 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR BISHOP

TEACHERS. Requests the governor and the legislature to work together to provide funding for teacher pay raises.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the governor and the legislature to work together to provide funding to
3	increase teacher salaries to the level where Louisiana's average teacher salary is
4	equal to or exceeds the average teacher salary for the southern region.
5	WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that "the goal of the public
6	educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of
7	human development, that are designed to promote excellence in order that every
8	individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and
9	WHEREAS, attracting and retaining quality teachers in all of Louisiana's classrooms
10	is one of the most important aspects in assuring that an excellent educational environment
11	is provided; and
12	WHEREAS, placing a highly qualified, highly engaged, appropriately certified
13	teacher in every classroom will become more difficult to do if teacher pay in Louisiana
14	continues to lag behind the pay of other professions in this state and teacher salaries in other
15	states in this region; and
16	WHEREAS, the latest data from the National Education Association (NEA) shows
17	that the average Louisiana teacher salary in 2017 was \$50,000, which was \$1,242 below the
18	average teacher salary of the member states of the Southern Region Education Board; and

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WHEREAS, providing competitive salaries is absolutely necessary in order to
encourage the best and brightest young people to enter the teaching profession and to teach
in the public schools, as well as provide an incentive for excellent teachers to make teaching
a lifelong career; and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate is appreciative of the dedication of Louisiana's
classroom teachers and their tireless work in providing a high quality educational
environment to each student in our state; and
WHEREAS, the Louisiana Senate supports providing public school teachers and
school support personnel competitive pay and benefits.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
does hereby urge and request the governor to work with the legislature to provide funding
to increase teacher salaries to the level where Louisiana's average teacher salary is equal to
or exceeds the average teacher salary for the southern region.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
governor.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

## DIGEST

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Requests the governor and the legislature to work together to provide funding to increase teacher salaries to the level where the average teacher salary in Louisiana is equal to or exceeds the average teacher salary for the southern region.