

2009 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

The Louisiana Legislature convened at noon on April 27, 2009 for its regular session. Listed below are summaries of education related resolutions that have been considered this session. Please refer to www.legis.state.la.us for more information.

House Resolutions

House Resolution No. 1

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Kay Kellogg Katz

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the feasibility of requiring the placement of automated external defibrillators in schools.

House Resolution No. 69

Date Filed: 6/4/2009

Who: Representative Rickey Hardy

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to vote favorably to raise the minimum GPA requirement for student athletes.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 2

Date Filed: 3/13/2009

Who: Representatives Austin J. Badon (Primary Author)

Status: Assigned to House Appropriations

Summary: This resolution invokes the Clyburn Amendment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that would secure federal stimulus monies not otherwise accepted by the Governor.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 33

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Walt Leger, III

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to study charter school use of city, parish and other local public school system-owned facilities.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 37

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests city, parish and other local public school boards to include student representation on their boards in an advisory, nonvoting capacity.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 41

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representatives Jane H. Smith (Primary Author)

Status: Assigned to House Education

Summary: This resolution requests the Louisiana School Board Association to make available to members of public school boards copies of current law relative to reviewing a person's criminal history prior to hiring.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 45

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representatives Thomas P. Willmott

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests nonpublic schools with grades ten and twelve to provide students enrolled in such grades at least thirty minutes of classroom instruction pertaining to the Safe Haven Law.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 46

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Thomas P. Willmott

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests the governing authority of each public and state-approved nonpublic school to incorporate exercises from the Prevent Injury and Enhance Performance program (PEP) into physical education classes and athletic training programs.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 53

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Nita Rusich Hutter

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to develop and implement an age-appropriate unit on hurricane awareness for students in each grade in all local public school systems.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 54

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Hutter

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests the Louisiana Department of Education to compile statistics relative to where public school teachers certified in the past 10 years received degrees and report to education committees.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 68

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Herbert B. Dixon

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study standards it uses to approve alternative education programs as such standards relate to providing sufficient counseling services and security.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 87

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution commends the East Baton Rouge Parish School System upon being recommended for AdvancED district accreditation.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 112

Date Filed: 5/12/2009

Who: Representative Hollis Downs

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests local public school boards to convene public meetings at least twice each year with the appropriate local law enforcement authorities and school personnel to discuss and report on issues relative to school attendance and behavioral problems of students and to formulate local annual action plans to improve student behavior and school attendance.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 131

Date Filed: 5/20/2009

Who: Representative Patricia Smith

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to develop and adopt policies relative to options and strategies for schools in danger of state takeover.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 149

Date Filed: 5/26/2009

Who: Representative Damon Baldone

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests each public school governing authority to develop and implement a comprehensive anti-harassment, intimidation, and bullying program.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 151

Date Filed: 5/26/2009

Who: Representative Patricia Smith

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to study the feasibility of returning certain schools transferred to the Recovery School District (RSD) to the local school systems from which they were transferred under certain circumstances.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 164

Date Filed: 5/27/2009

Who: Representative Patricia Smith

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to conduct an in-depth study of the financial burden on local school systems imposed by rising costs of providing retiree health care benefits and to recommend a solution.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 165

Date Filed: 5/28/2009

Who: Representative Herbert Dixon

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to implement a policy to provide for an alternate method of assessing the overall performances of alternative schools.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 168

Date Filed: 5/28/2009

Who: Representative Walt Leger

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to create a task force to study issues relative to charter school funding.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 177

Date Filed: 6/1/2009

Who: Representative Charmaine Marchand Stiaes

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests public school boards and superintendents to dedicate federal stimulus dollars to low performing schools.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 192

Date Filed: 6/1/2009

Who: Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study all issues relative to advertising on school buses.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 193

Date Filed: 6/1/2009

Who: Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr.

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests BESE, in consultation with the La. School Boards Association and the La. Association of Public Charter Schools, to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the charter school law.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 194

Date Filed: 6/8/2009

Who: Representative Frank A. Hoffmann

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study issues related to LEAP with respect to special education students, students with disabilities, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 204

Date Filed: 6/15/2009

Who: Representative James R. "Jim" Fannin

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to conduct a ten-year study of graduation rates in Louisiana based on a grades seven through twelve cohort of students and report annually.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 211

Date Filed: 6/15/2009

Who: Representative Rosalind D. Jones

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to adopt a policy requiring certain schools to extend the school day.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 213

Date Filed: 6/15/2009

Who: Representative Rickey Hardy

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study implementing a uniform grading scale in all public schools.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 217

Date Filed: 6/15/2009

Who: Representative Frank A. Hoffman

Status: Assigned to House Education

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to revise the LEAP testing schedule to provide for the administration of the LEAP tests at the end of the school year.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 223

Date Filed: 6/18/2009

Who: Representative Rosalind D. Jones

Status: Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study developing policies and procedures for revoking teaching certificates for allegations of sexual misconduct with students.

Senate Resolutions

Senate Resolution No. 47

Date Filed: 5/26/2009

Who: Senator Cheryl Gray Evans

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution urges and requests the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a student loan repayment program for certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are employed in Louisiana's city, parish, and other local public schools.

Senate Resolution No. 48

Date Filed: 5/26/2009

Who: Senator Cheryl Gray Evans

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution urges and requests the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a student loan repayment program for certain school social workers who are employed in Louisiana's city, parish, and other local public schools.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9

Date Filed: 4/27/2009

Who: Senator Ben W. Nevers

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution requests city, parish, and other local public school boards to include student representation to such local boards in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13

Date Filed: 4/28/2009

Who: Senator Sharon Weston Broome

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution requests Southern University to establish a plan and recommend policies that support university-private sector partnerships in renewable energy.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17

Date Filed: 5/4/2009

Who: Senator Ben Nevers

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution provides for legislative approval of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula for FY 2009-2010 as adopted by BESE on March 12, 2009.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26

Date Filed: 5/5/2009

Who: Senator Sharon Broome

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Voluntarily deferred in House Education on 6/2/2009

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to ensure that a comprehensive study is conducted to determine a base per pupil expenditure that is equitable and adequate to provide the quality of education necessary for all students to meet the state's academic standards and testing requirements.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27

Date Filed: 5/5/2009

Who: Senator Ben Nevers

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution requests the High School Redesign Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide uniform grading scale for use in all public high schools.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48

Date Filed: 5/13/2009

Who: Senator Sharon Weston Broome

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution creates the Southern University Center for Equitable Development Task Force to study and develop statewide recommendations for local strategies and initiatives to meet the needs of economically depressed communities across the state.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67

Date Filed: 5/19/2009

Who: Senator Ann D. Duplessis

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution requests BESE to study criteria for considering the renewal of the charter of a failing charter school.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68

Date Filed: 5/19/2009

Who: Senator Robert Adley

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

Summary: This resolution requests the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of weighting grades earned in honors and other advanced courses when calculating grade point averages to determine TOPS eligibility.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83

Date Filed: 6/1/2009

Who: Senator Anne Duplessis

Status: Adopted by the Senate; Reported favorably by House Education

Summary: This resolution urges and requests BESE to adopt a policy relative to appropriate and acceptable administrative overhead costs for which fees may be charged to a charter school by the chartering authority.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111

Date Filed: 6/9/2009

Who: Senator Ben Nevers

Status: Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

Summary: This resolution requests local school boards and superintendents to encourage the schools under their jurisdiction and administration to support the creation and ongoing activities of Parent-Teacher Association units.