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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 203

BY SENATOR WHITE

SCHOOLS. Authorizes the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education to appoint a subcommittee to study issues affecting school environment.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, with the approval of the
3 President of the Senate, to appoint a subcommittee of the standing committee for the
4 purpose of studying and receiving testimony regarding issues affecting the school
5 environment, including school violence.

6 WHEREAS, studies show that there is a direct correlation between the quality of the
7 school environment and student academic achievement and success and every student
8 deserves a school climate that is conducive to learning; and

9 WHEREAS, violence, or the perceived threat of violence, creates anxiety among
10 students and can have a significant negative impact upon attendance, academic performance,
11 student behavior, and ultimately, graduation rates; and

12 WHEREAS, state law and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
13 (BESE) policy require each public elementary and secondary school to adopt a student code
14 of conduct to which all students must adhere and the school must enforce; and

15 WHEREAS, state law and BESE policy also require each public school to prepare
16 and implement a school crisis management and response plan to address school safety and
17 the incidence of violence at schools, on school buses, and at school-related activities and
18 respond effectively to such incidents; and

1 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the state's public schools be safe havens for teaching
2 and learning and that every student and teacher be provided a school environment in which
3 they are free from fear of physical harm throughout each and every school day.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby authorize the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, with the
6 approval of the President of the Senate, to appoint a subcommittee of the standing committee
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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