

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1

BY REPRESENTATIVES DWIGHT AND BOURRIAQUE

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all necessary measures to ensure that the Calcasieu and Cameron parish school systems are not penalized in terms of funding due to Hurricane Laura

1   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all

3             necessary measures relative to the minimum foundation program formula to ensure

4             that the school systems in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes are not penalized in terms

5             of funding due to closures and student displacement resulting from Hurricane Laura.

6             WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the

7 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop and adopt annually a

8 formula which shall be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program (MFP)

9 of education in all public elementary and secondary schools as well as to allocate equitably

10 the funds to parish and city school systems; and

11             WHEREAS, the constitution requires the legislature to fully fund the current cost to

12 the state of the MFP as determined by applying the legislatively approved formula; and

13             WHEREAS, Hurricane Laura, which made landfall in August of 2020, drastically

14 disrupted elementary and secondary education services in multiple parishes; and

15             WHEREAS, unprecedented and widespread damage to homes and school facilities

16 in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes has resulted in the closure of schools and the

17 displacement of thousands of families; and

18             WHEREAS, it is critical that school funding be maintained rather than reduced for

19 Calcasieu and Cameron so that these parishes and their school systems and citizens can

20 recover as quickly as possible from this historic natural disaster.

1           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
2 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to take all  
3 necessary measures relative to the minimum foundation program formula to ensure that the  
4 school systems in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes are not penalized in terms of funding due  
5 to closures and student displacement resulting from Hurricane Laura.

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

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DIGEST

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