
DIGEST

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HCR No. 164

Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to conduct an in-depth study of the financial burden on local school systems imposed by the necessity to meet the rising costs of providing for health care for school system retirees, particularly for school systems that are losing student population to the Recovery School District or for other reasons such as natural disasters, to examine a wide spectrum of potential remedies, and to recommend a solution(s).

Provides that BESE, in conducting the study, shall convene a study group to provide input, recommendations, and advice with representatives of the following, as well as any other persons, entities, and organizations possessing particular knowledge of the problem and possible solutions:

- (1) Impacted school systems, including East Baton Rouge Parish, Orleans Parish, Caddo Parish, Pointe Coupee Parish, St. Bernard Parish, Cameron Parish, and Plaquemines Parish.
- (2) The La. School Boards Association.
- (3) The La. Federation of Teachers.
- (4) The La. Association of Educators.
- (5) Associated Professional Educators of La.
- (6) The office of the governor.
- (7) The Dept. of Education.
- (8) The division of administration.
- (9) The Senate Committee on Education, appointed by the Senate president.
- (10) The House Committee on Education, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (11) The Teachers' Retirement System of La.

(12) The Office of State Group Benefits.

(13) The La. Association of Public Charter Schools.

Provides that BESE shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the legislature's education committees not later than 60 days prior to the 2010 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution.

1. Adds provision providing for a representative of the La. Association of Public Charter Schools to serve on the study group.
2. Adds provision relative to BESE submitting a written report of its findings and recommendations to the legislature's education committees not later than 60 days prior to the 2010 R.S.