

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Concurrent Resolution No. 164 by Representative Patricia Smith

SCHOOLS/DISTRICTS: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education 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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds a representative of the author of the Resolution to the advisory study group to be convened by BESE.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 Teachers' Retirement System of La.
- (10) The Office of State Group Benefits.
- (11) The La. Association of Public Charter Schools.
- (12) The author of HCR No. 164.

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.