

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study jointly the source, nature, and amount of funding allocated to various units of public secondary and postsecondary education related to dual enrollment initiatives, to determine the appropriateness of such funding, and to determine the impact of such initiatives and to submit a written report of their findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education are both committed to ensuring the availability of dual enrollment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, dual enrollment programs are offered by various public and nonpublic secondary schools and public postsecondary two-year, four-year, and technical education institutions; and

WHEREAS, the funding to support dual enrollment programs may be received from federal, state, and local sources, as well as from fees paid by students; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation of this funding would help to establish whether it is used in the most efficient and effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, an assessment of the impact of dual enrollment initiatives on the success of participating students would assist in the determination of the appropriate allocation of funding; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education conduct a thorough examination of these critical issues with respect to dual enrollment programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study jointly the source, nature, and amount of funding allocated to various units of public secondary and postsecondary education related to dual enrollment initiatives, to determine the appropriateness of such funding, and to determine the impact of such initiatives and to submit, in compliance with R.S. 24:771 and 772, a written report of their findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Board of Regents, the commissioner of higher education, the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE