

1 WHEREAS, in these other forms of government, there are checks and balances on
2 each branch of government, which is a bedrock principle of American society that is sorely
3 lacking in the current school governance structure in Louisiana; and

4 WHEREAS, fundamental changes to the way Louisiana's education system is
5 governed at the local level may afford the state's students their best chance of success in the
6 classroom and in life; and

7 WHEREAS, other states may have lessons to offer Louisiana in terms of alternative
8 education governance structures, and these merit serious evaluation and consideration; and

9 WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every
10 student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential, it is imperative that a balanced
11 group of stakeholders thoroughly study the structure of local governance of public
12 elementary and secondary education in Louisiana.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study the governance of public
15 elementary and secondary education in Louisiana and does hereby request the task force to
16 submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the House
17 Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2018 Regular
18 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
20 following members who shall serve without compensation:

21 (1) A representative of the office of the governor who shall be selected by the
22 governor.

23 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or her designee.

24 (3) The member of the Louisiana House of Representatives who represents District
25 No. 50 or his designee.

26 (4) A representative of each of the following organizations who shall be selected by
27 the presiding officer of the organization:

28 (a) The Louisiana School Boards Association.

29 (b) The Louisiana Association of School Superintendents.

30 (c) The Louisiana Association of Principals.

- 1 (d) The Louisiana Association of Educators.
- 2 (e) The Louisiana Federation of Teachers.
- 3 (f) The Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana.
- 4 (g) The Louisiana Parent Teacher Organization.
- 5 (h) The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana.
- 6 (i) Progress Louisiana.
- 7 (j) The Louisiana Budget Project.
- 8 (k) The NAACP of Louisiana.
- 9 (l) The Louisiana Black Alliance for Educational Options.
- 10 (m) The Council for a Better Louisiana.
- 11 (n) The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.
- 12 (o) Stand for Children.
- 13 (p) Louisiana Federation for Children.
- 14 (q) Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force's report shall include an
16 examination, at minimum, of all of the following:

- 17 (1) The advisability, feasibility, and potential effects of providing for each local
18 public school district to have an executive branch, president, or equivalent with veto power
19 over the school board and other powers and duties.
- 20 (2) The common characteristics of local public school governance structures in states
21 with successful and highly regarded public education systems.
- 22 (3) Research conducted by think tanks or other academic research on the issue of
23 local school governance.
- 24 (4) Recommendations, if any, for legislation related to local public school
25 governance.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the representative of the governor's office shall
27 be responsible for convening the task force for its first meeting by September 1, 2016, at
28 which the task force shall adopt rules of procedure, a work schedule, and any additional
29 measures that it deems necessary for the timely performance of its duties.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force may seek the input of individuals
 2 whose fields of expertise and experience would assist the task force in conducting its duties,
 3 including but not limited to representatives of the postsecondary education community in
 4 the fields of political science and education and representatives of private organizations with
 5 an education mission.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 7 governor of Louisiana and to the presiding officer of each of the organizations from which
 8 the members of the task force are being selected.

DIGEST

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Creates a task force to study the governance of local public elementary and secondary education in La. and provides for the submission of a written report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the House Committee on Education at least 60 days before the 2018 R.S. Provides that the report shall include an examination, at minimum, of the following:

- (1) The advisability, feasibility, and potential effects of providing for each local public school district to have an executive branch, president, or equivalent with veto power over the school board and other powers and duties.
- (2) The common characteristics of local public school governance structures in states with successful and highly regarded public education systems.
- (3) Research conducted by think tanks or other academic research on the issue of local school governance.
- (4) Recommendations, if any, for legislation related to local public school governance.

Provides for 20 members who shall serve without compensation; that the task force may seek input from individuals whose fields of expertise and experience would assist the task force in conducting its duties, including but not limited to representatives of the postsecondary education community in the fields of political science and education and representatives of private organizations with an education mission; and that the representative of the governor's office shall convene the task force for its first meeting by Sept. 1, 2016.