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BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

STUDENTS: Requests the state Dept. of Education to study, evaluate, and report on the effectiveness of state policy to address and prevent bullying

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study and evaluate the effectiveness of current state policy to address and prevent student bullying and to report its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. WHEREAS, as stated in the Constitution of Louisiana, it is the goal of the public education system to provide learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential; and WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:416.13, requires the governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to incorporate into a student code of conduct a policy prohibiting the bullying of a student by another student; and WHEREAS, this law also requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration with the state Department of Education, to develop and adopt rules and regulations relative to the procedures and processes used to report and investigate bullying, including a timeline for investigation, written reports, parental notification, and the interviewing of students regarding bullying incidents; and

1	WHEREAS, student safety should be the utmost priority at both the state and local
2	levels, and in spite of current law and state board policy, there are students who are bullied
3	by other students; and
4	WHEREAS, it is vital that the procedures and processes for the reporting and
5	investigation of bullying effectively provide for the thorough investigation of bullying
6	incidents, the appropriate responses to students who exhibit bullying behaviors and to
7	students who are bullying targets, and the establishment of preventative measures to reduce
8	the recurrence of bullying; and
9	WHEREAS, in order for the public education system to meet its constitutional goal
10	of providing learning environments and experiences at all stages of human development that
11	are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence, it is imperative that every possible
12	precaution be taken to ensure the protection of Louisiana's students from bullying.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14	Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to
15	study and evaluate the effectiveness of current state policy to address and prevent student
16	bullying and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House
17	Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2017 Regular
18	Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report shall include the following:
20	(1) Statistical data including the number and type of all bullying incidents reported
21	to the state Department of Education by public school governing authorities as required by
22	R.S. 17:416.13 and State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy.
23	(2) Recommendations for any changes necessary to strengthen the current laws and
24	policies on bullying.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
26	to the state superintendent of education and the president of the State Board of Elementary
27	and Secondary Education.

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DIGEST

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Requests the state Dept. of Education to study and evaluate the effectiveness of current state policy to address and prevent student bullying and to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education prior to the 2017 R.S. Provides that such report shall include statistical data on the number and type of all bullying incidents reported by public school governing authorities and recommendations for any changes necessary to strengthen the current laws and policies on bullying.