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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 141

## BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

CURRICULA. Requests BESE, the state Department of Education, and each local public school board to maximize the funding and availability of dual enrollment courses.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state
3	Department of Education, and each city, parish, and other public school board to
4	maximize the funding and availability of dual enrollment courses.
5	WHEREAS, dual enrollment is enrollment of a high school student in a college
6	course for which a student receives credit on both his high school and college transcripts for
7	the same course; and
8	WHEREAS, dual enrollment courses enrich and increase the rigor of the high school
9	curriculum and allow students to earn valuable college credit hours while still in high school;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, accumulating college credits while still in high school helps a student
12	successfully transition to college from high school and complete postsecondary studies in
13	a shorter time frame, which results in a cost-savings and allows the student to enter the
14	workforce earlier; and
15	WHEREAS, research data indicate that successful dual enrollment students are more
16	likely to graduate from high school, enroll in college, and graduate with a degree or other
17	credential; and
18	WHEREAS, while the demand for dual enrollment course continues to rise and

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1 student participation in dual enrollment courses is steadily increasing, dual enrollment 2 course offerings fall short of demand; and 3 WHEREAS, currently, dual enrollment costs are supported through the Minimum 4 Foundation Program formula, the Education Excellence Fund, 8(g) funds, other state and federal funds, and local revenues; and 5 6 WHEREAS, the demand for dual enrollment courses vastly exceeds the amount 7 derived from all existing funding streams combined; and 8 WHEREAS, the lack of funding and availability of dual enrollment courses is 9 lacking statewide, the impact is felt most keenly in rural areas; and 10 WHEREAS, it behooves all school governing authorities to do their utmost to find 11 the additional revenue necessary to expand dual enrollment course opportunities, so that 12 every student who wishes to participate might reap the demonstrated benefits of earning dual 13 enrollment credits. 14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana that 15 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state Department of Education, 16 and each city, parish, and other public school board to maximize the funding and availability of dual enrollment courses. 17 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the president 19 of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state superintendent of 20 education, the executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, and the 21 executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

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