

1 WHEREAS, "screen time" can have harmful effects on children's health, particularly
2 with respect to eye health among younger children; and

3 WHEREAS, the increasing amount of screen time occurring in school classrooms
4 is a public health concern that merits serious consideration by this state's policymaking board
5 for elementary and secondary education and the legislature.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation
8 with the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, to study best
9 practices for the use of digital devices in school classrooms.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
11 Education shall report findings from the study called for in this Resolution to the House
12 Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on
13 Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter
14 Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2022
15 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state
18 superintendent of education, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the
19 assistant secretary of the office of public health.

DIGEST

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