

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

STUDENTS: Creates a special study committee to study the need for and obstacles to the installation of sidewalks at Edna Karr High School in New Orleans

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To create a special study committee of the House of Representatives to study the need for  
3 and obstacles to the installation of sidewalks at Edna Karr High School in New  
4 Orleans and to require the committee to report its findings to the House of  
5 Representatives no later than sixty days prior to the 2024 Regular Session of the  
6 Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, in 2020, Edna Karr High School in New Orleans moved into a new,  
8 forty-eight million dollar, 153,332 square feet school building; the school building has fifty-  
9 two classrooms, including four music/performance arts classrooms, and is located on a large  
10 lot that provides plenty of space for expansion of athletic facilities; and

11 WHEREAS, unfortunately, from a student safety perspective, the school is not  
12 complete; the school is located on General Meyer Avenue in Algiers, which is heavily  
13 traveled Louisiana Highway 428, and there are no sidewalks along the road which would  
14 allow for safer ingress and egress for students at the school; and

15 WHEREAS, students have already been hurt by vehicular traffic on the highway, and  
16 there is a general fear that more students will be hurt in the future if sidewalks are not  
17 installed in the area; and

18 WHEREAS, the House of Representatives desires information on why sidewalks in  
19 the area near Edna Karr High School have not been installed for the safety of the student  
20 body; and

1           WHEREAS, furthermore, because the roadway on which the school is located is a  
2 state highway, the House of Representatives desires information on whether installation of  
3 sidewalks will be the responsibility of the city of New Orleans or the Department of  
4 Transportation and Development or a combination of both.

5           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
6 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a special study committee of the House of  
7 Representatives to study the need for and obstacles to the installation of sidewalks at Edna  
8 Karr High School in New Orleans.

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall be comprised of six  
10 members, three of whom shall be members of the House Committee on Municipal, Parochial  
11 and Cultural Affairs appointed by the chairman of that committee and three of whom shall  
12 be members of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works  
13 appointed by the chairman of that committee.

14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman of the House Committee on  
15 Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs shall call the first meeting of the special study  
16 committee and preside at the first meeting until the committee selects a chairman from  
17 among its members.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall hold public hearings to  
19 receive testimony from any interested party and shall specifically solicit advice and guidance  
20 from the governing authority and officials of Edna Karr High School, the Department of  
21 Transportation, and the city of New Orleans.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study committee shall report its findings and  
23 recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than sixty days prior to the  
24 beginning of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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