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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR HEWITT

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Urges and requests the state department to prepare for implementation of an "education savings account" program.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education to prepare for implementation
3	of an "education savings account" program.
4	WHEREAS, Louisiana has established programs that enable parents to enroll their
5	children in the elementary or secondary school that best meets their individual needs; and
6	WHEREAS, through the course choice program, the state has supported students in
7	accessing secondary courses not offered at their high schools; and
8	WHEREAS, Louisiana has supported parents in saving for elementary, secondary,
9	and postsecondary education through individual savings accounts that enable them to direct
10	funds to institutions of their choice; and
11	WHEREAS, Act 415 of the 2021 Regular Session empowers parents to access funds
12	to support early literacy and reading supports and interventions provided by authorized
13	providers; and
14	WHEREAS, several states have authorized programs to enable parents of school-age
15	children to receive deposits of public funds into state-authorized "education savings
16	accounts" and to use those funds for tuition, tutoring, educational therapies, virtual
17	education, and early college courses; and
18	WHEREAS, these can serve as models for implementing and administering a similar

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education to prepare for implementation of an "education savings account" program by creating a sustainable framework, identifying potential third party vendors, and engaging in communications with appropriate state agencies that may be involved in the implementation of a program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Education is requested to provide a report of progress to be submitted to the Senate and House education committees no later than January 12, 2024.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by LG Sullivan.

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