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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR FIELDS

BESE. Urges and requests BESE to recognize and include increased per pupil funding as part of the base per-pupil funding for the 2024-2025 MFP.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to recognize and include increased funding, as provided in House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop and adopt, annually, a formula which is to be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program (MFP) of education in all public elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, BESE adopted such a formula to determine the cost and allocation of funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, and on March 15, 2023, submitted it to the legislature; and

WHEREAS, an instrument providing for legislative approval of the formula was introduced for consideration, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2; and

WHEREAS, the proposed formula includes, among other components, provisions for increased funding for pay raises and associated retirement costs, funding for differentiated compensation, funding for an apprenticeship program, and funding for Ecole Pointe au Chien; and

WHEREAS, the formula includes an across-the-board two-thousand dollar pay raise plus the current year applicable retirement contributions for certified personnel; and

WHEREAS, the formula includes an across-the-board one-thousand dollar pay raise plus the current year applicable retirement contributions for non-certified personnel; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide for funding these components of the formula in an amount determined by the legislature, the legislature intends to amend House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session in order to provide for this funding outside of the formula by directing the state Department of Education to allocate such funds in the same manner in which they would have been allocated pursuant to the MFP formula; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the legislature that this increase in funding, although provided for outside of the MFP formula for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, be recognized and included by the BESE in future years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to recognize and include provisions for increased funding to provide the two-thousand dollar pay raise for certified personnel and the one-thousand dollar pay raise for non-certified personnel, along with related employer retirement contributions, as provided in House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, state superintendent of education, commissioner of administration, and governor.

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

DIGEST

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Requests that BESE recognize and include increased funding as provided in HB 1 of the 2023 RS, when developing and adopting a Minimum Foundation Program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.