

2024 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 137

BY SENATOR FIELDS

FUNDS/FUNDING. Requests state agencies to seek funding, through state or federal funds or available grants, for unfunded programs and policies.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each state department to request funding, through their annual budget
3 requests for state appropriations or from federal funding sources, available grants,
4 or from any other source, for programs and policies that have been enacted by the
5 legislature and that pertain to agencies in the respective department but that have not
6 been implemented because the legislature has not provided funding and to report on
7 the status of such programs, policies, and funding.

8 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has enacted numerous innovative programs
9 and policies that have not been implemented by state agencies because the legislature has
10 not provided the required funding; and

11 WHEREAS, in every regular session, the legislature enacts legislation the
12 effectiveness of which is contingent on funding; during the 2023 Regular Session of the
13 Legislature alone, legislative Acts for which effectiveness was contingent on funding
14 included policies as varied as: free school breakfast and lunch, creating an office of port
15 development, compensation of parish boards of election supervisors, health insurance
16 coverage for genetic testing, and foreign language immersion programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the legislature appropriates funds for many of the programs and policies
18 that it has enacted; and

1 WHEREAS, the legislature believes that affected agencies should take the initiative
2 to seek funding that would allow for the implementation of previously enacted legislative
3 programs and policies.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
5 does hereby urge and request each state department to request funding, through their annual
6 budget requests for state appropriations or from federal funding sources, available grants,
7 or from any other source, for programs and policies that have been enacted by the legislature
8 and that pertain to agencies in the respective department but that have not been implemented
9 because the legislature has not provided funding.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does
11 hereby urge and request each state department to report to the legislature, prior to January
12 1, 2025, on the following with respect to such funding requests:

13 (1) A descriptive list of the programs and policies that were identified as unfunded
14 pursuant to this Resolution.

15 (2) The amounts requested to fund those programs and policies for fiscal years 2022-
16 2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025.

17 (3) The amounts appropriated for those programs and policies in each of those fiscal
18 years.

19 (4) Recommendations regarding the modification or continuation of such programs
20 and policies.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
22 secretary or other chief executive officer of each executive branch department of state
23 government.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

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