

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIKE JOHNSON

SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Creates a special committee of the legislature to study the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA)

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create a special committee of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the
3 Louisiana High School Athletic Association's policies, governance structure, and
4 impact on public schools and to provide for the special committee's submission of
5 a report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
6 Education not later than February 14, 2026.

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) plays a
8 significant role in regulating interscholastic athletics in the state, affecting student-athletes,
9 school employees, and public institutions; and

10 WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding the transparency, fairness, and
11 ethical considerations of LHSAA's policies, including but not limited to school
12 classifications, transfer rules, academic priorities, and the organization's overall governance;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, concerns exist regarding the potential appearance of conflicts of interest
15 between LHSAA and public school officials, including teachers, principals, and other
16 employees who may have decision-making authority over school athletics; and

17 WHEREAS, the economic impact of LHSAA membership on public schools,
18 including costs, benefits, and financial obligations, warrants a thorough review in terms of
19 whether such an association serves the best interests of Louisiana's student-athletes and
20 taxpayers; and

1 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the state of Louisiana to provide that the
2 governance of high school athletics is conducted in a manner that is fair and equitable to all
3 public schools, students, and employees; and

4 WHEREAS, all policies governing student-athletes should align with academic
5 priorities and foster an environment that places education at the forefront.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7 create a special committee of the legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of the
8 Louisiana High School Athletic Association's policies, governance structure, and impact on
9 public schools.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall have the following
11 eight members:

12 (1) The Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives.

13 (2) The President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

14 (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or a member of the House
15 designated by the chairman.

16 (4) Two additional members of the House appointed by the chairman of the House
17 Committee on Education.

18 (5) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or a member of the Senate
19 designated by the chairman.

20 (6) Two additional members of the Senate appointed by the chairman of the Senate
21 Committee on Education.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairman and vice chairman shall be elected
23 by a majority of the committee members present and voting at its first meeting.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall:

25 (1) Review LHSAA rules and regulations as well as any contracts and agreements
26 between LHSAA and the state, any of its political subdivisions, and any public schools.

27 (2) Examine the potential appearance of conflicts of interest between LHSAA and
28 public officials, school administrators, and employees.

1 (3) Analyze LHSAA policies related to academic priorities, transfer rules, and
2 school classification for purposes of discussing their fairness, consistency, and impact on
3 student-athletes and public schools.

4 (4) Discuss whether LHSAA's governance practices are fair and equitable to all
5 public schools, students, and school employees.

6 (5) Explore the financial costs and benefits of LHSAA membership for public
7 schools, including financial obligations and revenue-sharing models.

8 (6) Explore alternative governance models for the administration and oversight of
9 high school athletics to determine if alternative structures might better serve public school
10 students and institutions.

11 (7) Review any relevant state laws regarding public school athletics and the
12 association's authority and consider the recommendation of legislation in the effort to
13 provide a fair, transparent, and academically focused athletic system.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall have the same power
15 and authority granted to standing committees to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses,
16 administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to do all other things
17 necessary to accomplish the purposes of its study in accordance with the Rules of Order of
18 the House of Representatives.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall be active from
20 July 1, 2025, through February 14, 2026, and shall submit a report of its findings and
21 recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
22 Education not later than February 14, 2026.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
24 executive director of the Louisiana High School Athletic Association and the state
25 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Provides for study components and for submission of a report to the House and Senate education committees by Feb. 14, 2026.