

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24

BY REPRESENTATIVES MIKE JOHNSON, ADAMS, AMEDEE, BACALA, BERAULT, BRASS, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARLSON, CARPENTER, CARRIER, ROBBY CARTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, COATES, COX, CREWS, DESHOTEL, DEVILLIER, DEWITT, DICKERSON, ECHOLS, EDMONSTON, EGAN, EMERSON, FARNUM, FIRMENT, FISHER, FREIBERG, GADBERRY, GALLE, GEYMAN, HEBERT, HORTON, HUGHES, ILLG, TRAVIS JOHNSON, LACOMBE, LAFLEUR, JACOB LANDRY, LYONS, MCMAHEN, MELERINE, MENA, MILLER, MOORE, MUSCARELLO, OWEN, ROMERO, SCHAMERHORN, SCHLEGEL, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, TAYLOR, TURNER, VILLIO, WALTERS, WILDER, WILLARD, WYBLE, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CARTER, CONNICK, DUPLESSIS, EDMONDS, HARRIS, HENRY, HODGES, JACKSON-ANDREWS, MCMATH, PRESSLY, SELDERS, AND STINE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall have the following ten members:

- (1) The speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives.
- (2) The president pro tempore of the Senate.
- (3) The chairman of the House Committee on Education or a member of the House designated by the chairman.
- (4) Four additional members of the House appointed by the chairman of the House Committee on Education.
- (5) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or a member of the Senate designated by the chairman.
- (6) Two additional members of the Senate appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall:

- (1) Review LHSAA rules and regulations as well as any contracts and agreements between LHSAA and the state, any of its political subdivisions, and any schools.
- (2) Examine the potential appearance of conflicts of interest between LHSAA and school administrators, school employees, and public officials.
- (3) Analyze LHSAA policies related to academic priorities, transfer rules, and school classification for purposes of discussing their fairness, consistency, and impact on student-athletes and schools.

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the special committee shall have the same power and authority granted to standing committees to hold hearings, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, require the production of books and records, and to do all other things necessary to accomplish the purposes of its study in accordance with the Rules of Order of the house of the legislature in which the chairman of the special committee serves.

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE