

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 346

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

SCHOOLS: Requests that local public school boards and charter school governing authorities develop and implement strategic plans for the disposition and security of school buildings and property in the event of school closures

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each city, parish, and other local public school board and the governing
3 authority of each charter school to develop and implement strategic plans for the
4 disposition and security of school buildings and property in the event of school
5 closures.

6 WHEREAS, there have been reports of declining enrollment in Louisiana's public
7 schools; and

8 WHEREAS, it is important to consider the best use of school buildings and property
9 in the event that declining enrollment leads to school closures around the state; and

10 WHEREAS, community members have expressed concern about safety and security
11 needs with respect to the impact on surrounding neighborhoods of vacant school campuses
12 and potentially blighted school property; and

13 WHEREAS, strategies should be developed for reusing or redeveloping vacant
14 campuses in ways that address the needs of each community; and

15 WHEREAS, options that have been discussed for some vacant campuses include
16 converting school buildings into alumni centers or housing for teachers or slating the
17 properties for demolition if that option is deemed the safest and most cost-effective option
18 due to age or disrepair; and

1 WHEREAS, school officials should be proactive in planning ahead for potential
2 school closures due to declining enrollment in order to serve the best interests of their
3 respective communities.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each city, parish, and other local
6 public school board and the governing authority of each charter school to develop and
7 implement strategic plans for the disposition and security of school buildings and property
8 in the event of school closures.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing such plans, school boards and
10 charter school governing authorities should hold hearings for the purposes of discussing the
11 plans and receiving input from local stakeholders, including but not limited to students and
12 parents; teachers, administrators, and other school employees; chambers of commerce; law
13 enforcement officials; and community leaders.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
15 state superintendent of education for dissemination to each city, parish, and other local
16 public school board and the governing authority of each charter school.

DIGEST

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