

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 191

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A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Supreme Court to transmit truancy reports to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice (LCLE) is charged with developing and implementing a monitoring and evaluation program for the Truancy Assessment Service Centers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education established the Success Through Attendance Recovery (STAR) Task Force in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Supreme Court's judicial administrator's office manages the funds provided by the legislature to assist Families in the Need of Services Assistance Program (FINSAP); and

WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Department of Education, forty-five percent of Louisiana children were truant during the 2021-2022 school year, a dramatic increase from the 2018-2019 school year, prior to the onset of COVID, with only thirty-six percent of children being truant; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the legislature be informed regarding truancy matters; and

WHEREAS, the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children is an appropriate committee to receive information and reports relative to truancy matters in Louisiana.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, the Louisiana Department of Education, and the Louisiana Supreme Court to transmit truancy reports to the Senate Select Committee on Women and Children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Criminal Justice, the superintendent of the Louisiana Department of Education, and the judicial administrator of the Louisiana Supreme Court.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE