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2 independent researchers for the purpose of evaluating longitudinal trends.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data provided shall include, to the extent
4 available and in compliance with state and federal privacy laws, the following:

5 (1) Year of screening.

6 (2) Grade level or age range of students.

7 (3) Visual acuity measurements or screening outcomes.

8 (4) Aggregated demographic categories.

9 (5) Any standardized screening protocols used.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data shall be made available to qualified
11 independent researchers, including academic institutions and public interest research
12 organizations, for the purpose of conducting longitudinal analyses of student visual acuity.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all data shared pursuant to this Resolution shall
14 be fully de-identified and provided in a manner consistent with the Family Educational
15 Rights and Privacy Act, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, and
16 applicable state privacy protections.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Health and the state
18 Department of Education are requested to cooperate in facilitating access to the data and to
19 identify any limitations or gaps in the data set that may affect interpretation.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings of any completed analyses or
21 studies conducted pursuant to this Resolution be summarized and reported to the legislature,
22 including any observed trends, limitations, and recommendations for further study or policy
23 consideration.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and the state superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests the La. Dept. of Health and the state Dept. of Education to provide de-identified visual acuity screening data collected annually in La. schools from 2018 through the present to qualified independent researchers for the purpose of evaluating longitudinal trends.