

2026 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY SENATOR FESI

SPECIAL DAY/WEEK/MONTH. Designates Tuesday, May 19, 2026 as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol and to  
3 commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition.

4 WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization  
5 formed in 2018 that is comprised of over two hundred businesses, chambers, advocacy  
6 organizations, and early childhood education professionals seeking sufficient investment in  
7 quality, affordable early childhood education in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in  
9 quality, affordable early childhood education will prepare students for a smart start in life,  
10 enable families to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for local  
11 communities; and

12 WHEREAS, research shows that early experiences affect the development of the  
13 brain architecture, providing the foundation for all future learning, health, and social  
14 behaviors; and

15 WHEREAS, early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and  
16 emotional development, physical development, and more; and

17 WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development takes place between birth and age  
18 four; and

1           WHEREAS, because these early years lay the groundwork for brain development,  
2 children who begin school later can remain behind; and

3           WHEREAS, children who receive quality, affordable early childhood education  
4 experience long-term, improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; and

5           WHEREAS, in Louisiana, an average family can spend as much as in-state college  
6 tuition on child care, which is often a considerable part of their household budget; and

7           WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early childhood education harms  
8 families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty during this  
9 critical time of early brain development; and

10           WHEREAS, lack of quality, affordable early childhood education not only affects  
11 the workforce of tomorrow, but also has a substantial impact on the workforce of today, in  
12 terms of both worker participation and productivity in Louisiana; and

13           WHEREAS, research has shown that there can be a thirteen percent return on public  
14 investment in quality, affordable early childhood education; and

15           WHEREAS, child care issues and lost workforce participation and productivity have  
16 resulted in a more than a one billion and three hundred million dollar loss for Louisiana's  
17 economy; and

18           WHEREAS, the over two hundred organizations from across Louisiana that comprise  
19 the Ready Louisiana Coalition are working to provide access to quality, affordable early  
20 childhood education to improve children's outcomes, strengthen their families, and build the  
21 economy.

22           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana  
23 does hereby designate Tuesday, May 19, 2026, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State  
24 Capitol and commends the Ready Louisiana Coalition.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
26 Ready Louisiana Coalition.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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