

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY SENATOR BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To direct the office of motor vehicles, Department of Public Safety and Corrections, to study options for regulating and reducing fees charged by licensed driver education and training schools operating in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, driver education is required by law for Louisiana residents seeking drivers' licenses and specifically and overwhelmingly affects minors and first-time drivers; and

WHEREAS, the cost of private driver instruction programs varies substantially across regions of the state and may create financial barriers for low-income and working families; and

WHEREAS, limited statewide data exists regarding the comparative cost of driver education programs; and

WHEREAS, the state has an interest in ensuring driver training remains accessible while maintaining instructional quality, public safety standards, and affordability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the office of motor vehicles to conduct a study concerning driver education and training schools and regulating costs in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall examine, at minimum, the following:

(1) Current tuition, fees, testing costs, cancellation fees, and ancillary charges assessed by licensed driver education providers.

(2) Regional differences in pricing throughout Louisiana.

(3) Factors contributing to cost increases.

(4) Comparative practices used by other states to regulate or support affordability in driver education.

(5) Recommendations for legislation or administrative rule changes to increase affordability and regulate pricing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles may consult and collaborate with the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in conducting this study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the office of motor vehicles shall submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate President Pro Tempore, and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library as required by R.S. 24:771 and 772, no later than February 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of the office of motor vehicles.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE