

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY SENATOR HENRY

A RESOLUTION

To express support for the governor's efforts to identify and implement any means authorized by law to fund a stipend for classroom teachers and support staff for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to annually develop and adopt a formula to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools and to equitably allocate funds to parish and city school systems; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana further requires the legislature to annually appropriate funds sufficient to fully fund the current cost to the state of the minimum foundation program (MFP) as determined by applying the approved formula; and

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 80 of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature creates a task force to study the MFP formula and recommend a long-term, predictable funding structure for teacher and support staff compensation; and

WHEREAS, that long term review does not address the immediate fact that the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year state budget does not renew the stipend previously provided to classroom teachers and support staff; and

WHEREAS, the Senate supports the administration's efforts, including the governor, the commissioner of administration, the state superintendent of education, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and other appropriate state officials, in identifying and implementing any means authorized by law to fund such stipend, including a reduction and redirection of a portion of the MFP appropriation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express support for the governor's efforts to identify and implement any means authorized by law to fund a stipend for classroom teachers and support staff for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if any reduction and redirection of the MFP appropriation for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year is determined to be in the best interest of the state and its teachers and support staff, then such reduction and redirection shall be applied only to funds attributable to noninstructional activities.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE