

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY SENATOR BROOME

SCHOOLS. Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to review and consider adopting the United States Department of Education's "Guiding Principles: A Resource Guide for Improving School Climate and Discipline" as a master plan for supporting student behavior and discipline.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to review and
3 consider adopting the United States Department of Education's *Guiding Principles:*
4 *A Resource Guide for Improving School Climate and Discipline* as a master plan for
5 supporting student behavior and discipline.

6 WHEREAS, while national rates of school violence have decreased, many schools
7 still struggle to create a nurturing, positive, and safe environment necessary to boost student
8 achievement and success; and

9 WHEREAS, simply relying on suspensions and expulsions is not the answer to
10 creating a safe and productive and disproportionately impacts students of color and students
11 with disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Education has recently released a
13 resource guide to assist states, school districts, charter school operators, school staff, parents,
14 students, and other stakeholders who are seeking to develop a school climate and school
15 discipline policies and practices that are both locally tailored and grounded in recognized
16 promising practices and research; and

17 WHEREAS, the three guiding principles are to create positive climates and focus on
18 prevention, develop clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences to

1 address disruptive student behavior, and ensure fairness, equity, and continuous
2 improvement.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
4 does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to
5 review and consider adopting the United States Department of Education's *Guiding*
6 *Principles: A Resource Guide for Improving School Climate and Discipline* as a master plan
7 for supporting student behavior and discipline.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

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