

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 174

BY SENATOR BROOME

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request 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.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the three guiding principles are to create positive climates and focus on prevention, develop clear, appropriate, and consistent expectations and consequences to address disruptive student behavior, and ensure fairness, equity, and continuous improvement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request 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.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE