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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 195

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHRODER

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules relative to teacher and parental access to and review of student assessments

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate
3 rules to provide for teacher and parental access to and review of student assessments.

4 WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:355, provides that a parent of a child attending a
5 public elementary or secondary school shall be entitled to access to instructional materials;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, this law further provides that a parent is entitled to review instructional
8 materials used by or administered to his or her child; and

9 WHEREAS, this law defines "instructional materials" as content that conveys the
10 knowledge or skills of a subject in the school curriculum through a medium or a combination
11 of media for conveying information to a student including any nonsecure test, nonsecure
12 assessment, or survey administered to a student, books, supplementary materials, teaching
13 aids, computer software, magnetic media, DVD, CD-ROM, computer courseware, online
14 material, information, or services, or an electronic medium or other means of conveying
15 information to the student or otherwise contributing to the learning process; and

16 WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:24.4, requires the State Board of Elementary and
17 Secondary Education to implement standards-based assessments in English language arts,
18 mathematics, science, and social studies based on state content standards and rigorous
19 student achievement standards set with reference to test scores of students of the same grade
20 level nationally; and

1 WHEREAS, this law further requires such standards-based assessments in English
2 language arts and mathematics to be based on nationally recognized content standards that
3 represent the knowledge and skills needed for students to successfully transition to
4 postsecondary education and the workplace; and

5 WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:10.1, requires the State Board of Elementary and
6 Secondary Education to provide for a school and district accountability system based on
7 student achievement and minimum standards for the approval of public schools; and

8 WHEREAS, implementation of the school and district accountability system by the
9 state board necessitates the use of secure, standards-based assessments to produce valid and
10 reliable data on student achievement; and

11 WHEREAS, it is important to provide teachers with the assessment results for their
12 students and to make the assessments available to parents of students taking the assessments
13 in a manner that does not compromise the security or use or increase the cost of the
14 assessments.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and
17 Secondary Education to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedure
18 Act to provide for teacher and parental access to and review of student assessments.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such rules shall include a process and procedures
20 for both of the following:

21 (1) Teachers to review the assessment results of any student he taught for the subject
22 he taught in that school year and review an individualized student assessment report that
23 identifies the student's performance in each assessment domain.

24 (2) Parents of students taking the assessments to review each assessment, excluding
25 a national assessment that the state Department of Education is prohibited by the assessment
26 vendor from providing to a parent for review, in a secure setting. The review shall be held
27 within ten days following the dissemination of assessment results to parents and shall be
28 offered for at least ten consecutive business days at the department's main office during
29 regular business hours in the presence of the director of assessments or his designee. Parents
30 shall be given reasonable time to complete the review, not to exceed two hours, and shall not

1 be permitted to photocopy or photograph any assessment item or question or make
2 handwritten, typed, or orally recorded notes that identify an assessment item or question.
3 The board may require a parent who violates such prohibitions to reimburse the state
4 Department of Education for any costs incurred by the department to replace any assessment
5 items or questions determined to no longer be secure due to the actions of the parent.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
7 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education to promulgate and implement such rules in order to provide for such access and
9 review by teachers and parents following the administration of standards-based assessments
10 during the 2015-2016 school year.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
13 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules in accordance with the Admin. Procedure Act to provide for teacher and parental access to student assessments and provides for processes and procedures to be included in such rules.