# 2016 Regular Session

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 141

#### BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

EDUCATION: Requests the commissioner of higher education and the state superintendent of education to jointly report to the legislature on increasing availability and use of dual enrollment programs

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the commissioner of higher education and the state superintendent of
3	education to jointly report to the legislature, prior to February 1, 2017, on increasing
4	availability and use of dual enrollment programs.
5	WHEREAS, dual enrollment programs allow students to receive high school and
6	postsecondary education credit for a single course; and
7	WHEREAS, such courses have numerous benefits for students including helping
8	them stay engaged in school, thereby increasing their chances of graduating from high
9	school, and making the transition to higher education easier, which in turn enhances their
10	chances of completing a college degree or other credential; and
11	WHEREAS, dual enrollment may also reduce the total cost of a postsecondary
12	program of study, and finishing earlier can save money for both the student and the state;
13	and
14	WHEREAS, Louisiana law provides for dual enrollment programs, but many believe
15	that these programs have not been implemented to the maximum extent possible; and
16	WHEREAS, successful implementation of dual enrollment programs requires
17	substantial cooperation and coordination among the secondary and postsecondary
18	communities, which may be a factor that has limited implementation; and
19	WHEREAS, the legislature requires further information from program administrators
20	on the successes of dual enrollment programs and on what changes need to be made for

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greater success and believes that a single report representing both the secondary and
 postsecondary perspectives on the opportunities and challenges regarding dual enrollment
 would be valuable.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 5 urge and request the commissioner of higher education and the state superintendent of 6 education to jointly report to the legislature, prior to February 1, 2017, containing 7 recommendations on increasing availability and use of dual enrollment programs.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in preparing the report required by this 9 Resolution, the commissioner and the superintendent shall jointly hold at least two public 10 hearings to solicit input from citizens and from organizations with an interest in or 11 information on the topic.

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BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that the report shall include the following:

(1) An analysis of past and current participation in dual enrollment programs, which
 shall include numbers of participants and trends in those numbers and information on
 geographic distribution of participants, specific programs and courses of study pursued,
 outcomes in particular courses, and ultimate postsecondary success of participants.

- 17 (2) Identification of factors that hinder participation in dual enrollment programs
  18 including factors that prevent students from participating in the programs that do exist and
  19 factors that limit the availability of the programs.
- 20 (3) Specific suggestions for how participation in productive dual enrollment
- 21 opportunities can be increased and an action plan for implementing these suggestions.
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(4) Identification of any legislative action required for increasing dual enrollment

23 opportunities and participation.

## DIGEST

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