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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR MORRELL

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the Dept. of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the state Department of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost
3	of installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms in
4	Louisiana.
5	WHEREAS, school gun violence is becoming a common occurrence throughout the
6	United States; and
7	WHEREAS, violence takes place in the first few minutes an intruder is on site and
8	speed of response to an emergency is critical; and
9	WHEREAS, relying solely on personal notification for emergencies can limit a
10	school's ability to reach law enforcement; and
11	WHEREAS, a silent alarm greatly reduces the time gap between someone
12	recognizing a threat and receiving help and would allow school personnel to push a button,
13	thereby alerting authorities of an emergency situation and aiding law enforcement to respond
14	more quickly; and
15	WHEREAS, silent alarms are commonplace technology in financial institutions and
16	have been installed in schools across the United States to better protect students and
17	teachers; and
18	WHEREAS, student and teacher safety should be a top priority in Louisiana and

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1	adding an additional layer of safety could be the protection needed to save their lives.
2	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
3	urge and request the state Department of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost of
4	installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms in Louisiana.
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of
6	its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education and the House
7	Committee on Education not later than February 1, 2019.
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9	state superintendent of education.

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

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