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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY SENATORS BISHOP, BARROW, CARTER AND MIZELL AND REPRESENTATIVE THOMAS

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED. Establishes the Louisiana Early Childhood Learning Caucus.

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1 2 To establish and recognize the Louisiana Early Childhood Learning Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana and to provide relative to the caucus. 3 4 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana states the "goal of the public educational 5 system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every 6 7 individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and 8 WHEREAS, reports and studies on brain development increasingly show links 9 between early childhood experiences and secondary and post-secondary education success; 10 and 11 WHEREAS, studies also show a strong return on investment in high-quality early child care and education; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana recognizes that access to quality early child 14 care is instrumental in setting the foundation for Louisiana's citizens to achieve educational success and become productive citizens of the state; and 15 16 WHEREAS, legislators who are supportive of early childhood learning desire recognition as an official caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana to bestow additional 17 significance upon their actions and opinions on legislation and issues concerning early 18

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WHEREAS, the purpose of the caucus shall be to create a venue for legislators to learn about and have dialogue on important early childhood learning issues in order to cultivate a legislature dedicated to advancing promising, evidence-based public policy that improves the lives of not only Louisiana's youngest children, but all citizens.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby establish and recognize the Louisiana Early Childhood Learning Caucus of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Childhood Learning Caucus shall be comprised of all members of the Legislature of Louisiana who have indicated support of enhancing the early learning opportunities of Louisiana's children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the initial chairman of the caucus shall be the Honorable Wesley Bishop, who shall call the first meeting of the caucus and that additional officers of the caucus shall be selected at that meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Early Childhood Learning Caucus shall not be provided any funding, office space, equipment, or staff by the legislature or either house or any agency thereof.

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

## DIGEST

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