

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to develop materials for and promote implementation of programs to teach necessary, basic life skills to all public high school seniors.

WHEREAS, Louisiana high schools are working to ensure each student graduates career and college ready; and

WHEREAS, this focus has resulted in an emphasis on teaching complex skills; and

WHEREAS, the intense core course regime and occupational driven electives leaves little time to teach students necessary life skills such as changing a tire, sewing on a button, cooking a basic meal, reconciling a check book, or how to interact during a traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, many young adults report that lacking these skills leads to them feeling stressed and unprepared to live as independent adults; and

WHEREAS, schools in other states have begun to offer "adulthood" days to teach twelfth graders necessary, basic life skills; and

WHEREAS, feedback from those programs has shown that both the student participants and their parents feel more prepared for the student to leave home.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the state Department of Education to develop materials for and promote implementation of programs to teach necessary, basic life skills to all public high school seniors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE