### 2023 Regular Session

### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 43

### BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT: Requests the Louisiana Department of Education to update its early childhood care and education data management systems

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the state Department of Education to update its early childhood care and
3	education data management systems.
4	WHEREAS, early experiences affect the development of brain architecture,
5	providing the foundation of all future learning, health, and behavior; early years, from birth
6	to age four, form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and emotional
7	development, physical development, and more; and
8	WHEREAS, because these early years are when the foundation of the brain is built,
9	children who begin school behind tend to remain behind; every child deserves access to early
10	childhood care and education to help ensure a strong foundation for future learning; and
11	WHEREAS, currently only forty percent of students in Louisiana arrive to their first
12	day of kindergarten meeting crucial benchmarks; quality early care and education can lay
13	a foundation for future educational success from elementary school through postsecondary
14	and adult education; and
15	WHEREAS, breaking down potential barriers for parents and providers can help
16	more children find themselves in the early childhood settings that are best suited for them;
17	and
18	WHEREAS, the state Department of Education manages pre-kindergarten through
19	grade 12 education; certain data systems currently maintained by the department are not
20	sufficient to meet the needs of parents and early care providers of Louisiana in the 21st
21	century; the systems can be difficult for parents and providers to navigate; and

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1	WHEREAS, the department is in the process of improving its data systems and it is
2	urgent that this be completed as soon as possible; more user-friendly systems will help
3	parents and providers access the quality services the state department offers with ease,
4	ultimately helping more young children more easily access quality early childhood care and
5	education throughout the state.
6	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
7	urge and request the state Department of Education to update its early childhood care and
8	education data management systems.
9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education shall submit
10	a report relative to the status of the improvement of its early childhood care and education
11	data systems to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education
12	not later than March 31, 2024.
13	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14	state superintendent of education and the members of the State Board of Elementary and
15	Secondary Education.

## DIGEST

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Requests the state Dept. of Education to update its early childhood care and education management systems and to submit a report on its progress to the legislative education committees prior to March 31, 2024.