

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 297

BY REPRESENTATIVE JENKINS

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Requests BESE to recognize and include increased funding, as provided in House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to recognize  
3 and include increased funding, as provided in House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular  
4 Session, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for  
5 the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.

6 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the  
7 State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop and adopt, annually,  
8 a formula which is to be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program  
9 (MFP) of education in all public elementary and secondary schools; and

10 WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, BESE adopted such a formula to determine the cost  
11 and allocation of funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, and on March 15, 2023, submitted  
12 it to the legislature; and

13 WHEREAS, an instrument providing for legislative approval of the formula was  
14 introduced for consideration, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2; and

15 WHEREAS, the proposed formula includes, among other components, provisions  
16 for: increased funding for pay raises and associated retirement costs, funding for  
17 differentiated compensation, funding for an apprenticeship program, and funding for Ecole  
18 Pointe au Chien; and

19 WHEREAS, the formula includes an across the board \$2,000 pay raise plus the  
20 current year applicable retirement contribution for certificated personnel; and

1           WHEREAS, the formula also includes an across the board \$1,000 pay raise plus the  
2 current year applicable retirement contribution for noncertificated personnel; and

3           WHEREAS, in order to provide for funding these components of the formula in an  
4 amount determined by the legislature, the legislature intends to amend House Bill No. 1 of  
5 the 2023 Regular Session in order to provide for this funding outside of the formula by  
6 directing the state Department of Education to allocate such funds in the same manner in  
7 which they would have been allocated pursuant to the MFP formula; and

8           WHEREAS, it is the intent of the legislature that this increase in funding, although  
9 provided for outside of the MFP formula for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, be recognized and  
10 included by the BESE in future years.

11           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and  
13 Secondary Education to recognize and include provision for increased funding to provide  
14 the \$2,000 pay raise for certificated personnel and \$1,000 pay raise for noncertificated  
15 personnel along with related employer retirement contributions as provided in House Bill  
16 No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature when developing and adopting a  
17 minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.

18           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 governor, commissioner of administration, president of the State Board of Elementary and  
20 Secondary Education, and state superintendent of education.

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DIGEST

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