

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 121

BY SENATORS MIZELL AND BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and to designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as
Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

WHEREAS, the Ready Louisiana Coalition is a bipartisan statewide organization that was formed in 2018 and is comprised of over one hundred-eighty businesses, chambers, advocacy organizations, and early childhood education professionals seeking sufficient investment in quality, affordable early care and education in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, members of the Ready Louisiana Coalition believe that investing in quality, affordable childhood education will better prepare students for life, enable families to be productive in the workforce, and serve as an economic engine for local communities; and

WHEREAS, research shows that early experiences affect the development of the brain architecture, providing the foundation for all future learning, health, and social behaviors; early years form the basis for cognition, literacy and learning, social and emotional development, physical development, and more; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of brain development occurs between birth and the age of four, and children who begin school late typically stay behind those who begin at an early age because the foundation of the brain is built during the earliest years of a child's life; and

WHEREAS, children who receive a quality, affordable early childhood education experience long-term improved outcomes in education, health, and social behaviors; in Louisiana, an average family can spend as much as in-state college tuition on child care, which is often a considerable part of their household budget; and

WHEREAS, the current lack of quality, affordable early childhood education harms all families and disproportionately impacts children of color and those in poverty during this critical period of early brain development; this issue not only affects the workforce of tomorrow, but it also has a substantial impact on the participation and productivity of the workforce in Louisiana today.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend the Ready Louisiana Coalition and does hereby designate Tuesday, May 20, 2025, as Early Ed Day at the Louisiana State Capitol.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Sadie Becnel, Government Affairs Director and General Counsel for the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE