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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

SCHOOLS/BOARDS: Requests that the House Committee on Education study issues raised by legislation proposed during the 2014 Regular Session and prior sessions relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish school system

A RESOLUTION

2	To request the House Committee on Education to study the issues raised by legislation
3	proposed during this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature and prior sessions
4	relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish school system and to report study findings
5	and recommendations to the House of Representatives.
6	WHEREAS, legislation being considered during the 2014 Regular Session of the
7	Legislature and legislation proposed in prior sessions has focused attention on the challenges
8	facing large school systems in Louisiana and the East Baton Rouge Parish school system in
9	particular; and
10	WHEREAS, legislation proposed this session, which has claimed hours of
11	consideration by the House Committee on Education, proposes substantial restructuring of
12	the East Baton Rouge Parish school system, as well as reduction in the size of the school
13	board; and
14	WHEREAS, these bills are not the only legislation considered this session that makes
15	it clear that large school systems in the state are dealing with problems that should be
16	addressed; and
17	WHEREAS, legislative discussions of such legislative proposals this session and
18	related legislation in prior sessions has highlighted such issues as the school board's
19	oversight and policy role, the superintendent's management role and related powers and
20	duties, and empowering principals to be school leaders by giving them more authority at the

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school level, but these discussions have also demonstrated that local school administrators

and employees believe these issues are better addressed at the local level and they are taking

steps to do so; and

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WHEREAS, legislation proposed this session and in prior sessions has demonstrated that there is a need for the legislature to seek solutions to major concerns of local school systems, but to do so after examining these concerns in detail and after receiving extensive information about these matters from large school systems in the state, together with the

recommendations of national experts and suggestions and recommendations from educators

in the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on Education to study the issues raised by legislation proposed during this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature and prior sessions relative to the East Baton Rouge Parish school system and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Representative Steve Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education.

DIGEST

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