Regular Session, 2014

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 certain large school systems

1	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 school systems that serve more than fifteen thousand public school
5	students and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of
6	Representatives.
7	WHEREAS, legislation being considered during the 2014 Regular Session of the
8	Legislature and legislation proposed in prior sessions has focused attention on the challenges
9	facing large school systems in Louisiana; 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	certain large school systems; and
13	WHEREAS, these bills are not the only legislation considered this session that makes
14	it clear that large school systems in the state are dealing with problems that should be
15	addressed; and
16	WHEREAS, legislative discussions of such legislative proposals this session and
17	related legislation in prior sessions has highlighted such issues as school boards' oversight
18	and policy roles, superintendents' management roles and related powers and duties, and
19	empowering principals to be school leaders by giving them more authority at the school
20	level, but these discussions have also demonstrated that local school administrators and

1 employees believe these issues are better addressed at the local level and they are taking 2 steps to do so; and 3 WHEREAS, legislation proposed this session and in prior sessions has demonstrated 4 that there is a need for the legislature to seek solutions to major concerns of local school 5 systems, but to do so after examining these concerns in detail and after receiving extensive 6 information about these matters from large school systems in the state, together with the 7 recommendations of national experts and suggestions and recommendations from educators 8 in the state. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on Education to study 11 the issues raised by legislation proposed during this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature

12 and prior sessions relative to school systems that serve more than fifteen thousand public

13 school students and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of

- 14 Representatives not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session
- 15 of the Legislature.
- 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to
- 17 Representative Steve Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the <u>original</u> resolution.

1. Broadens application of study to issues relative to certain large school systems rather than limiting it to issues relative to E. Baton Rouge Parish school system.