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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 162

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICK WILLIAMS

BESE: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule relative to student lunch time

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule
3	relative to requirements with respect to student lunch time.
4	WHEREAS, meals provided at public schools serve to meet the nutritional needs of
5	students; and
6	WHEREAS, proper nutrition for students leads to better health outcomes and higher
7	levels of academic achievement; and
8	WHEREAS, proper nutrition requires that students have enough seated lunch time
9	during the lunch period to fully consume their food; and
10	WHEREAS, the presence of state mandated assessments may encourage teachers and
11	administrators to curtail the length of the student lunch period in order to produce better
12	educational outcomes.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
14	Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges and requests the State Board of Elementary and
15	Secondary Education to adopt a rule to read substantively as follows: "Each local education
16	agency shall provide no less than twenty minutes of time for students to be seated and
17	consume their food. The twenty minutes of seated lunch time shall be separate from the time
18	required for students to navigate from the classroom to the lunch room, stand in line to
19	receive the lunch meal, and to return to the classroom after lunch has been consumed."

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

2 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state

3 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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