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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

STUDENT/HOME STUDY: Requests that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Bd. of Regents, study the feasibility and costs of using state funds to pay for students in approved home study programs to participate in certain dual enrollment programs

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation 3 with the Board of Regents, to study the feasibility and costs of using state funds to 4 pay for students in approved home study programs to participate in dual enrollment 5 programs established by the Board of Regents and to submit a written report of its 6 findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to 7 the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on 8 Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular 9 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 10 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:236.1 grants the State Board of Elementary and Secondary 11 Education the authority to approve home study programs; and 12 WHEREAS, in R.S. 17:3137(A), the legislature finds that the dual enrollment 13 program established by the Board of Regents enhances curricular options available to 14 eligible high school students by providing an opportunity to enroll in postsecondary 15 coursework creditable toward a career certificate or an associate or baccalaureate degree; and 16 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3137(C) authorizes students participating in home study 17 programs to participate in the Board of Regents' dual enrollment program but provides that 18 state funds shall not be used to pay the tuition of such a student who is dually enrolled in a 19 participating postsecondary education institution; and

1 WHEREAS, increasing access for students in approved home study programs to 2 participate in this dual enrollment program by removing possible funding obstacles would 3 likely assist such students in their academic pursuits; and 4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary 5 Education, in consultation with the Board of Regents, conduct a thorough examination of 6 the feasibility and costs of using state funds to pay for students in approved home study 7 programs to participate in dual enrollment programs established by the Board of Regents. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation 10 with the Board of Regents, to study the feasibility and costs of using state funds to pay for 11 students in approved home study programs to participate in dual enrollment programs 12 established by the Board of Regents and to submit a written report of its findings and 13 conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the 14 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty 15 days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana. 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 17 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state 18 superintendent of education, the chairman of the Board of Regents, and the commissioner 19 of higher education.

DIGEST

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Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation with the Bd. of Regents, to study the feasibility and costs of using state funds to pay for students in approved home study programs to participate in certain dual enrollment programs and to report its findings to the legislature at least 60 days prior to the 2016 R.S.