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2017 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

PUBLIC MEETINGS. Requests that legislation allowing school boards and local governing authorities be authorized to go into executive session when discussing economic development projects be included in the call for any special legislative session in 2017.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request that legislation allowing school boards and local governing authorities
3	be authorized to go into executive session when discussing economic development
4	projects be included in the call for any special legislative session in 2017.
5	WHEREAS, current law provides that a public body may hold executive sessions
6	upon an affirmative vote, taken at an open meeting for which notice has been given pursuant
7	to R.S. 42:19, of two-thirds of its constituent members present; and
8	WHEREAS, an executive session shall be limited to matters allowed to be exempted
9	from discussion at open meetings by R.S. 42:17; however, no final or binding action shall
10	be taken during an executive session; and
11	WHEREAS, the vote of each member on the question of holding such an executive
12	session and the reason for holding such an executive session shall be recorded and entered
13	into the minutes of the meeting; and
14	WHEREAS, nothing in current law shall be construed to require that any meeting be
15	closed to the public; and
16	WHEREAS, exceptions that allow for executive sessions described in R.S. 42:17 are
17	authorized by law; and
18	WHEREAS, the undertaking of an economic development project may require school

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boards and local governing authorities to hold executive sessions to discuss pertinent matters related to the projects; and

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WHEREAS, it is essential that school boards and local governing authorities are permitted to hold executive sessions for discussion of economic development projects; and WHEREAS, it is appropriate to request that legislation allowing school boards and

local governing authorities be authorized to go into executive session to discuss economic development projects be included into the call for any special legislative session that may be called in 2017.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request that legislation allowing school boards and local governing authorities be authorized to go into executive session when discussing economic development projects be included in the call for any special legislative session in 2017.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley Mitchell Carter.

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