

2020 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 63

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BESE. Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a task force to develop and oversee continuous learning outside of normal practices.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a  
3 continuous learning task force to assist the state Department of Education in  
4 developing guidance for Louisiana educators to meet the immediate need of  
5 supporting learning outside of our normal practices.

6 WHEREAS, the response to the COVID-19 pandemic necessitated the closing of  
7 school buildings across the state; and

8 WHEREAS, such closure left school leaders and school teachers seeking additional  
9 avenues to best meet the learning needs of all students in new ways; and

10 WHEREAS, local leaders have to make many decisions tailored to the unique needs  
11 of their student population, staff, and resources; and

12 WHEREAS, directives from the state may not be flexible enough to allow local  
13 leaders to adequately address all of the needs of their community, but solid guidance with  
14 a consistent framework of expectations from the state may open opportunities and foster  
15 partnerships previously overlooked; and

16 WHEREAS, other states, such as Kansas, have, in a very short period, seen success  
17 from bringing together various stakeholders and forming a task force to share expertise and  
18 insight to help envision methods to ensure continuous learning in these unprecedented times;

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2 WHEREAS, many of Louisiana's students were already struggling to achieve  
3 academic success; and

4 WHEREAS, all of our students deserve to be provided educational resources now  
5 to ensure they are successful in their studies, even while this pandemic persists.

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
7 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to create a  
8 continuous learning task force to assist the state Department of Education in developing  
9 guidance for Louisiana educators to meet the immediate need of supporting learning outside  
10 of our normal practices.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall include  
12 an appointee by the governor; a member of the Louisiana Senate, appointed by the Senate  
13 president; a member of the Louisiana House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker  
14 of the House of Representatives; the state superintendent of education; a member of the State  
15 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, appointed by the president of the State  
16 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; a designee of Louisiana Television  
17 Educational Authority; a designee of the Louisiana School Boards Association; a designee  
18 of the Louisiana Public Charter School Association; a designee of the Associated  
19 Professional Educators of Louisiana; a designee of the Louisiana Association of Educators;  
20 a designee of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers; a designee of the Council for a Better  
21 Louisiana; a designee of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry; a designee of  
22 the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana; a local school superintendent of a school  
23 district with a student population in excess of ten thousand students and a local school  
24 superintendent of a school district with a student population of less than ten thousand  
25 students, each designated by the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents; a  
26 designee of the Louisiana Principals Association; and two parents of public school children,  
27 one of whom shall be the parent of a child who is designated in need of special education  
28 services, selected by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education from nominees  
29 of the individual members of the board.

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

1 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state  
2 superintendent of education.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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## DIGEST

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Requests BESE to create a continuous learning task force to assist the state Department of Education in developing guidance for Louisiana educators to meet the immediate need of supporting learning outside of normal practices.

Provides that the task force include:

- (1) An appointee by the governor.
- (2) A member of the La. Senate, appointed by the Senate president.
- (3) A member of the La. House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House.
- (4) The state superintendent of education.
- (5) A member of BESE, appointed by the president of BESE.
- (6) A designee of the La. Television Authority.
- (7) A designee of the La. School Boards Association.
- (8) A designee of the La. Public Charter School Association.
- (9) A designee of the Associated Professional Educators of La.
- (10) A designee of the La. Association of Educators.
- (11) A designee of the La. Federation of Teachers.
- (12) A designee of CABL.
- (13) A designee of LABI.
- (14) A designee of PAR.
- (15) A local school superintendent of a school district with a student population in excess of 10,000 students, designated by the La. Association of School Superintendents.
- (16) A local school superintendent of a school district with a student population of less than 10,000 students, designated by the La. Association of School Superintendents.
- (17) A designee of the La. Principals Association.
- (18) Two parents of public school children, one of whom shall be the parent of a child who is designated in need of special education services, selected by BESE from nominees of the individual members of the board.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the  
original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Adds a member to the task force.