2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

SCHOOLS: Requests that the Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration with the Dept. of Education, issue guidance and policies relative to micro schools

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to issue
3	guidance and policies relative to the creation and operation of micro schools, by
4	public schools or public school governing authorities approved for such purpose, to
5	help ensure that Louisiana students continue to have high quality and safe learning
6	experiences amidst the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.
7	WHEREAS, due to the global pandemic, there have been unprecedented closures of
8	elementary and secondary schools and interruptions to students' education; and
9	WHEREAS, parents, educators, and administrators are continuing to search for safer
10	alternatives to large congregate settings for education delivery; it is critical that students
11	receive high quality instruction that best fits their needs while maintaining proper social
12	distancing measures and complying with other guidance from public health officials; and
13	WHEREAS, a micro school is a neighborhood school generally enrolling fewer than
14	fifteen students; and
15	WHEREAS, micro schools could provide valuable in-person instructional
16	opportunities while maintaining small class sizes and space for social distancing.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to issue guidance
19	and policies relative to the creation and operation of micro schools, by approved public
20	schools and public school governing authorities, to help ensure that Louisiana students

- 1 continue to have high quality and safe learning experiences amidst the ongoing COVID-19
- 2 public health emergency.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in developing such guidance and policies board
- 4 members shall consult with the state superintendent of education and any appropriate staff
- 5 from the state Department of Education.
- 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Board of Elementary and Secondary
- 7 Education shall issue such guidance and policies no later than March 1, 2021.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 9 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
- 10 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration with the state Dept. of Education, to issue guidance and policies relative to the creation and operation of micro schools by March 1, 2021.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Education</u> to the <u>original</u> resolution:
- 1. Change deadline <u>from</u> Jan. 1, 2021, <u>to</u> March 1, 2021 for issuance of guidance and policies from BESE.