

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 26

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study issues relative to the creation and operation of micro schools, by public schools or public school governing authorities approved for such purpose, to help ensure that Louisiana students continue to have high quality and safe learning experiences amidst the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

WHEREAS, due to the global pandemic, there have been unprecedented closures of elementary and secondary schools and interruptions to students' education; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, and administrators are continuing to search for safer alternatives to large congregate settings for education delivery; it is critical that students receive high quality instruction that best fits their needs while maintaining proper social distancing measures and complying with other guidance from public health officials; and

WHEREAS, a micro school is a neighborhood school generally enrolling fewer than fifteen students; and

WHEREAS, micro schools could provide valuable in-person instructional opportunities while maintaining small class sizes and space for social distancing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study issues relative to the creation and operation of micro schools, by approved public schools and public school governing authorities, to help ensure that Louisiana students continue to have high quality and safe learning experiences amidst the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and to submit a written report of its findings and conclusions, including any

recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than August 1, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE