

1 WHEREAS, there is some concern that child care provider information relative to
2 complaints and deficiencies that pertain to threats to children's health, safety, and well-being
3 is not readily available to parents when making child care decisions; even if posted online
4 by the department, some parents have trouble locating the information; and

5 WHEREAS, incomplete information on complaints and deficiencies, as well as
6 information that is difficult to find, prevents parents from making informed decisions when
7 selecting child care providers; and

8 WHEREAS, every effort should be made to effectively and efficiently collect,
9 investigate, track, and monitor complaints and deficiencies relative to child care providers
10 and to make this information available to parents in the most transparent, user-friendly
11 manner possible.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct a study
14 of processes used to collect, investigate, track, monitor, and disclose complaints and
15 deficiencies relative to child care providers and to submit a written report of findings and
16 conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee
17 on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the
18 beginning of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board shall study and report relative to the
20 following:

21 (1) The processes used to collect, track, and monitor complaints relative to child care
22 providers, including whether or not complaints are consistently documented, centrally
23 tracked, and timely investigated.

24 (2) The process of conducting inspections and dealing with deficiencies noted during
25 inspections, including whether or not inspections are conducted frequently enough to ensure
26 the safety of children.

27 (3) How best to disclose information about complaints and deficiencies in a way that
28 allows parents to readily access this information.

29 (4) Best practices from other states relative to these processes.

30 (5) Any other issues the board deems pertinent to this study.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include early learning centers,
2 family child care providers, and in-home providers.

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

DIGEST

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