

1 WHEREAS, reporting these signals ahead of time and to the appropriate entity can
2 prevent violence and save lives; and

3 WHEREAS, the legislature acknowledges the importance of reporting youth violence
4 in R.S. 17:416.13 relative to recognition and reporting of bullying, and R. S. 17:410, relative
5 to the recognition and reporting of threats to safety in schools; and

6 WHEREAS, the legislature currently requires in-service training regarding violence
7 prevention and suicide prevention for teachers, administrators, and other staff in R.S.
8 17:437.1, but has no requirements to instruct students; and

9 WHEREAS, peer intervention training is a national best practice that is critically
10 important to social inclusion and violence prevention; and

11 WHEREAS, using evidence-based practices is fundamental to the effectiveness of
12 educational training.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 urge and request the state Department of Education to identify no cost and low cost
15 evidence-based training providers for students regarding social inclusion, violence
16 prevention, and suicide prevention.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include information from school
18 districts on currently used training providers and their capabilities.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include considerations of the
20 evidence-based principles used by the identified providers.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall also identify public and
22 private grant funding opportunities to provide further training.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall solicit the input,
24 recommendations, and advice of the following:

25 (1) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.

26 (2) The chairperson of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.

27 (3) The president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, or his designee.

28 (4) The executive director of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, or
29 his designee.

30 (5) The president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, or his designee.

