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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE AND WILLARD

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Requests that the state Department of Education conduct a survey relative to recess at charter schools

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to survey charter schools governing
3 authorities regarding recess policy and practice at their schools.

4 WHEREAS, many education stakeholders maintain that recess is a necessary part of
5 a child's school day; and

6 WHEREAS, in a 2013 policy statement, the American Academy of Pediatrics wrote
7 that recess should be considered a child's personal time, and it should not be withheld for
8 academic or punitive reasons; and

9 WHEREAS, offering recess to students is neither required by state law nor State
10 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education policy, though nothing prohibits a public
11 school governing authority from providing recess at a school under its jurisdiction.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
13 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to
14 survey charter schools governing authorities regarding recess policy and practice at their
15 schools.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall survey all charter schools
17 about whether they provide at least fifteen minutes of recess, consisting of supervised,
18 unstructured free play, each school day for students in grades kindergarten through five.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall report its findings to the
20 House Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2024
21 Regular Session of the Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 state superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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