

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 199

BY REPRESENTATIVES AMEDEE AND WILLARD

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES