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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14

BY REPRESENTATIVE MELERINE

SCHOOLS: Requests that the state Department of Education study the potential effects of alternative school calendar options on student academic achievement

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the potential effects of
3 alternative school calendar options on student academic achievement and to submit
4 a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on
5 Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

6 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:154.1(C) requires each public school governing authority to
7 determine the school-year calendar for the schools under its jurisdiction and provides that
8 neither the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) nor the state
9 Department of Education (DOE) shall determine or require approval of these calendars; and

10 WHEREAS, current law sets minimum instructional minutes in a school day and
11 minimum days in a school year but allows some flexibility in how the time and days are
12 structured; and

13 WHEREAS, with this flexibility, school boards have various calendar options
14 available, including the balanced calendar model; and

15 WHEREAS, also known as year-round education, the balanced calendar model is a
16 concept that reorganizes minimum instructional time requirements across the academic year
17 to provide learning that is more continuous by reducing the time students spend on summer
18 vacation; and

19 WHEREAS, DOE has been conducting ongoing research on alternative school
20 calendar options, particularly the balanced calendar model, for the past several years; and

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the department bring its research up to date, inform
2 legislators of its findings and recommendations, and continue to assist public school
3 governing authorities in determining schedules that best meet the academic needs of their
4 students.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 request that the state Department of Education study the potential effects of alternative
7 school calendar options on student academic achievement and to submit a written report of
8 its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate
9 Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

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

DIGEST

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