

1 WHEREAS, expanding services available to public school students is one way to
2 help young people with the challenges they face today and the resulting mental health issues;
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4 WHEREAS, the standard of care to be followed by mental health professionals
5 serving students in public schools should be the same as the ethical standards of licensed
6 mental health professionals; and

7 WHEREAS, parental engagement, involvement, and consent is essential in moving
8 forward with such efforts.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
10 urge and request the state Department of Education, the Department of Children and Family
11 Services, and the Louisiana Department of Health to collaborate to increase mental health
12 counseling in public schools.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the departments shall submit a report to the
14 Legislature of Louisiana not later than February 1, 2025, that presents evidence of the
15 collaboration among the departments and of their efforts to identify and implement best
16 practices and a framework to increase mental health counseling in public schools.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
18 state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Department of Children and Family
19 Services, and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health.

DIGEST

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