

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

BESE: Directs the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to implement "Aliye's Law" and provide instruction to students on organ donation

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize
3 policies pertaining to organ donation education in its rulemaking process as
4 authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill
5 become law.

6 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature
7 repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements, authorizes the State
8 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for instruction and
9 training requirements by rule, and requires BESE to consider in the rule promulgation
10 process the specific statutory requirements that will be repealed if this bill becomes law; and

11 WHEREAS, one of the laws proposed to be repealed in House Bill No. 320, R.S.
12 17:280.2, requires each public high school to provide instruction relative to organ donation
13 to its students, requires that such instruction be integrated into the curriculum of an existing
14 required course such as health education or another required course deemed appropriate by
15 the public school governing authority; and

16 WHEREAS, the Act that created this law is known as Aliye's Law, legislation that
17 was named in memory of Aliye Ringe, a Baton Rouge teenager who lost her life, but because
18 she was an organ donor, her organs were used to save the lives of five strangers; and

19 WHEREAS, many legislators have stated that they wish to remove certain
20 requirements previously enacted by the legislature and grant BESE the general authority to
21 provide for instructional and training requirements by rule; however, at the same time, many

1 legislators have expressed their belief in the importance of some of these requirements and
2 their desire for BESE to prioritize them in its rulemaking process, particularly as they pertain
3 to suicide prevention and mental health.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 authorize and direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize
6 policies pertaining to organ donation education in its rulemaking process as authorized by
7 House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill become law.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board shall provide ample opportunity
9 for input from concerned citizens and advocacy groups in the rule promulgation process.

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

DIGEST

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Directs the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize policies pertaining to organ donation education in the rule promulgation authorized by H.B. No. 320 of this 2024 R.S. should that bill become law.