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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE OWEN

HOMELAND SECURITY: Requests the House Select Committee on Homeland Security to review state government actions during the COVID-19 Pandemic and postpandemic period and make recommendations to improve the government's response in future health emergencies

A RESOLUTION

2	To request the House Select Committee on Homeland Security to review state government
3	actions during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, including the related
4	shutdowns and other postpandemic activities, and to make recommendations to
5	improve the state's response in future health emergencies.
6	WHEREAS, COVID-19 was first described as a public health emergency of
7	international concern early in 2020 and created both a public health crisis and an economic
8	crisis in the United States and across the globe; and
9	WHEREAS, all units of government, including but not limited to the executive,
10	legislative, and judicial branches of state government in Louisiana, were prompted and
11	forced to take unprecedented actions to first analyze, respond to, and then attempt to function
12	while the worldwide pandemic unfolded; and
13	WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and related shutdowns caused great societal
14	disruption and had drastic impacts on our health and welfare including mental health,
15	educational systems and outcomes, and our economy; and
16	WHEREAS, analysis shows that the impact of the pandemic on K-12 student
17	learning was significant, leaving students on average five months behind in mathematics and
18	four months behind in reading by the end of the school year; widened preexisting
19	opportunity and achievement gaps; and had an impact on not just academics but also the
20	broader health and well-being of students, with a significant number of parents very or
21	extremely concerned about their children's mental health; and

1 WHEREAS, the fallout from the pandemic threatens to depress this generation's 2 prospects and constrict their future opportunities; and 3 WHEREAS, the pandemic has disrupted lives, pushed the hospital system to its 4 capacity, and created an ongoing global economic slowdown; and 5 WHEREAS, government exists to serve the public and provide order and a structure 6 whereby people can make their needs and opinions known to public officials; and 7 WHEREAS, Louisiana citizens deserve to know that their government will do all in 8 its power to study the appropriateness of its response to the pandemic and ensure mistakes 9 made previously will not be repeated and that every effort will be made to respect their rights 10 and overall health and welfare; and 11 WHEREAS, all actions of government should be open to review and analysis for the 12 public good. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 14 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Select Committee on Homeland 15 Security to review state government actions during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) 16 pandemic, including the related shutdowns and other postpandemic activities, and to report 17 its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives not later than March 30, 18 2025. 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include the following: 20 (1) Recommendations for any changes to law to enable the state to better handle 21 future pandemics. 22 (2) Identification of successes and failures of government during the pandemic 23 including the related shutdowns and other postpandemic activities with recommended 24 pathways for the future. 25 (3) Identification of key governmental infringements on the civil liberties of 26 Louisiana's citizens and recommended pathways for the future. 27 (4) Identification of actions by government that may have assisted or harmed 28 educational outcomes of Louisiana K-12 and higher education students and recommended 29 pathways for the future.

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1 (5) Identification of key governmental actions that affected the economic health and

2 future of the state of Louisiana and recommended pathways for the future.

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