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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 173

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SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL: Requests that the state Department of Education study and make recommendations relative to automated graduation progress monitoring initiatives to enhance timely high school graduation

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to study and make recommendations
3 to school districts relative to automated graduation progress monitoring initiatives
4 in the effort to enhance timely high school graduation.

5 WHEREAS, according to the Alliance for Excellent Education, high school dropouts
6 exert a profound influence on a community's economic, social, and civic well-being, and
7 substandard levels of academic accomplishment bring about substantial repercussions such
8 as diminished earning potential, compromised health, and elevated incarceration rates; and

9 WHEREAS, Louisiana's high school graduation rates persistently rank among the
10 nation's lowest according to the U.S. Career Institute; and

11 WHEREAS, statewide, Louisiana's mean graduation rate stood at eighty-four percent
12 during the 2020-2021 school year; graduation rates have been particularly low among
13 students with disabilities, English language learners, economically disadvantaged
14 individuals, and those experiencing homelessness; and

15 WHEREAS, one of the primary duties of school counselors is to employ academic
16 achievement methodologies and monitor and support a student's progression towards
17 graduation; and

18 WHEREAS, according to the American School Counselor Association, the optimal
19 caseload is two hundred fifty students per counselor, and during the 2022-2023 school year,
20 Louisiana's caseload ratio was four hundred forty-one students per counselor; and

1 WHEREAS, emerging technologies have the potential to lighten the workload of
2 school counselors by automatically monitoring the progress of individual students' high
3 school credits and transcripts.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to
6 study and make recommendations to school districts relative to automated graduation
7 progress monitoring initiatives in the effort to enhance timely high school graduation.

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

DIGEST

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