

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 39

BY REPRESENTATIVES KNOX AND CHASSION

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education (DOE) to report to the legislature relative to the pilot program required by R.S. 17:437.2.

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:437.2 requires DOE to develop and administer a pilot program for the purpose of trauma-informed mental health screening for students and mental health and behavioral issues and providing related services with respect to mental and behavioral health; and

WHEREAS, it further requires DOE to select three school systems to participate in the pilot program and consult with experts in developing and administering the program; and

WHEREAS, having information on how this approach has transpired in the three selected school systems could help inform future approaches to student learning; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs can be helpful and informative if implemented with fidelity and reported on efficiently.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to report to the legislature relative to adverse childhood experience education programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a report to the legislature relative to the three pilot programs required by R.S. 17:437.2 not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature; the report shall include but need not be limited to the following:

(1) Information on mental health services students received as a part of the programs. The information shall answer the following questions:

(a) Did students receive mental and behavioral health services?

(b) What was the duration of time between identifying students' needs and students receiving services?

(c) Were the services provided to students effective?

(d) What was the duration of time the students received services?

(e) Are the individuals who administered services trained in the respective areas of the services they administered?

(f) What are the names and descriptions of procedures and tools used?

(2) How funds for the programs were used.

(3) Disaggregated data on students who were served. The data shall include the following:

(a) Gender.

(b) Race.

(c) Ethnicity.

(d) Grade level.

(e) Disabilities.

(f) Individualized Education Program and 504 plan statuses.

(4) Professional development and training that were offered or required of school employees, if any.

(5) Plans for sustaining, expanding, or duplicating programs.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES