

1 including, at minimum, information on preventive mental health measures; the relationship
2 and the difference between mental health and physical health; brain health, emotional health,
3 identifying trauma and stress, and the impact of trauma and stress on mental health and
4 physical health; resources and services available to assist people with mental health issues;
5 and the management of stress and anxiety; and

6 WHEREAS, many legislators have stated that they wish to remove certain
7 requirements previously enacted by the legislature and grant BESE the general authority to
8 provide for instructional and training requirements by rule; however, at the same time, many
9 legislators have expressed their belief in the importance of some of these requirements and
10 their desire for BESE to prioritize them in its rulemaking process, particularly as they pertain
11 to suicide prevention and mental health.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize
14 policies pertaining to suicide prevention and mental health education in its rulemaking
15 process as authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill
16 become law.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board shall provide ample opportunity
18 for input from concerned citizens and advocacy groups, including but not limited to Peer
19 Initiative, in the rule promulgation process.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE