

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

BY REPRESENTATIVE WYBLE

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to create a task force to research and make recommendations relative to parent and family engagement in education and to submit a written report to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the House Committee on Education by December 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, research has shown that meaningful engagement by parents and other family members in a child's education positively impacts his educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to convene a diverse group of stakeholders to discuss best practices in fostering the engagement of parents and families in the education of Louisiana's children.

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 create a task force to study and make recommendations relative to parent and family engagement in education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study, the task force shall:

(1) Engage with state and national stakeholders and providers to identify research on best practices relative to effective strategies for increasing parent and family engagement in education.

(2) Make recommendations on increasing high quality, effective parent and family engagement in education to improve academic outcomes with an emphasis on private-public partnerships.

(3) Explore any other considerations with respect to parent and family engagement as determined by the task force.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force shall be as follows:

(1) A representative of the state Department of Education selected by the state superintendent of education.

(2) A representative of the Louisiana Department of Health selected by the secretary.

(3) A representative of the Governor's Office of Programs and Planning selected by the governor.

(4) A representative of the Center for Literacy and Learning selected by the chief executive officer.

(5) A representative of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents selected by the executive director.

(6) A representative of the United Way of Southeast Louisiana selected by the president.

(7) Three representatives of the Louisiana Association of United Ways selected by the chair of the board of directors.

(8) A representative of the Louisiana Parent Teacher Association selected by the president.

(9) A representative of the Louisiana Partnership for Children and Families selected by the executive director.

(10) A representative of Families Helping Families selected by the executive director.

(11) A representative of the Louisiana School Boards Association selected by the executive director.

(12) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools selected by the executive director.

(13) A representative of Louisiana CASA selected by the executive director.

(14) A representative of Decoding Dyslexia selected by the leader.

(15) A representative of Girls on the Run South Louisiana selected by the executive director.

(16) A representative of the Pelican Institute selected by the chief executive officer.

(17) A representative of the Louisiana Association Business and Industry selected by the president.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state superintendent of education shall be responsible for designating state Department of Education staff members to assist the task force in performing its duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent's appointee to the task force shall call the first meeting, which shall be held not later than August 31, 2024, and at which the task force may select a chair from among its membership and adopt rules of procedure, a work schedule, and any additional measures that it deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force shall serve without compensation, that a vacancy shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment, that a majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and that the task force shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge but may hold meetings elsewhere in the state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the House Committee on Education not later than December 31, 2025, upon which date the task force terminates.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES