

1 WHEREAS, R.S. 56:699.5 requires each person born on or after September 1, 1969,
2 to complete a Hunter Education Course approved by the Department of Wildlife and
3 Fisheries prior to hunting; and

4 WHEREAS, firearm, shooting sports, and hunter education programs can teach the
5 state's youth not only how to hunt and safely participate in shooting sports but also how to
6 use firearms responsibly and how to respect firearms and their capabilities, which could
7 reduce the occurrence of accidents involving firearms; and

8 WHEREAS, in several states, such as Iowa, Kansas, South Carolina, and Tennessee,
9 middle and high school students are able to learn about firearm safety and hunting, with
10 some districts incorporating such instruction into physical education; the next generation of
11 Louisiana sportsmen and sportswomen could also benefit from such curricula.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation
14 with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, to study the feasibility of incorporating age-
15 and grade-appropriate hunting education, conservation education, and shooting sports
16 courses into curricula for public school students in grades five through twelve, and to submit
17 a written report to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
18 Education not later than March 1, 2027.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, but need not be limited
20 to, the feasibility of the following:

21 (1) Hunter education being incorporated into existing physical education curricula
22 or being offered as a Physical Education II elective course.

23 (2) Hunting courses including firearm and hunting safety, wildlife identification and
24 management, outdoor survival skills, conservation education, and other applicable course
25 content.

26 (3) The successful completion of a hunting course resulting in a Hunter Education
27 Certification.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state
30 superintendent of education, and the secretary of the wildlife and fisheries.

DIGEST

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