

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER AND ALFRED WILLIAMS

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study the feasibility and advisability of pursuing a residential charter school model in La.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the  
3 feasibility and advisability of pursuing a residential charter school model in  
4 Louisiana, including identification of potential sources of funding for residential  
5 charter schools such as the Minimum Foundation Program or other state, local, and  
6 federal funding sources, and to submit a written report of its findings and  
7 conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to  
8 the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later  
9 than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature  
10 of Louisiana.

11 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that the "goal of the public  
12 educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of  
13 human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that  
14 every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

15 WHEREAS, a parent should be able to choose the educational environment that will  
16 provide his or her child the best opportunity to achieve and that will most appropriately meet  
17 the child's individual needs; and

18 WHEREAS, some at-risk youth have behavioral and social challenges that cannot  
19 be adequately addressed during the school day and hamper their academic progress; and

1           WHEREAS, some children live in dangerous environments where the temptations  
2 of drugs, violence, and other destructive behaviors are difficult to resist and where family  
3 support may be limited; and

4           WHEREAS, residential charter schools have recently become an option in some  
5 communities across the nation for providing a rigorous education as well as a safe and  
6 nurturing environment for disadvantaged children; and

7           WHEREAS, residential charter schools can provide extended services,  
8 comprehensive supports, and individual attention to meet the unique academic and  
9 behavioral needs of each student; and

10          WHEREAS, residential charter schools can provide a highly structured environment  
11 so that students can feel safe and secure; and

12          WHEREAS, residential charter schools around the nation have achieved positive  
13 student outcomes and have graduated between ninety and ninety-five percent of their  
14 students; and

15          WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3973(2)(a) provides that nothing in the chapter of law providing  
16 relative to charter schools shall be construed to prohibit a Type 1, Type 2, Type 3, or Type  
17 4 charter school from having a residential component.

18          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
19 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the  
20 feasibility and advisability of pursuing a residential charter school model in Louisiana,  
21 including identification of potential sources of funding for residential charter schools such  
22 as the Minimum Foundation Program or other state, local, and federal funding sources, and  
23 to submit a written report of its findings and conclusions, including any recommendations  
24 for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate  
25 Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular  
26 Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

27          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that a suitable copy of this Resolution be  
28 transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and  
29 to the state superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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