## DIGEST

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Requests that the state Dept. of Education (DOE) and public school governing authorities implement the following measures based on the La. Women's Policy and Research Commission's recommendations pertaining to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education in its 2013 report to the governor:

- (1) The legislature requests that DOE seek funding and public-private partnerships to increase access to technology at public schools.
- (2) The legislature requests that public school governing authorities make capital investments in building and upgrading science labs a budget priority, seek public-private partnerships to increase the availability of professional development opportunities for teachers in the sciences, and encourage middle and high schools to establish STEM-related clubs and actively encourage female students to join them.