

1 WHEREAS, the constitution provides that the legislature may not amend the formula
2 that is adopted by the board and submitted to the legislature for its consideration but may
3 only return an unsatisfactory formula to the board along with recommendations to the board
4 for an amended formula; and

5 WHEREAS, for the purpose of providing BESE with advisory recommendations for
6 the MFP formula for 2014-2015 and beyond, BESE formed an MFP task force that met from
7 September of 2013 through January of 2014; and

8 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2014, the task force held its final meeting and adopted
9 several recommendations, including a 2.75 percent rate increase in 2014-2015 base per pupil
10 amount funding, additional funding for career education and special education, expanded
11 course opportunities, a technology readiness overview for each school district, and a study
12 of the MFP formula by financial and policy experts in order to restructure it for greater
13 clarity, accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness; and

14 WHEREAS, there is concern among some education stakeholders that the task force
15 did not successfully determine the actual cost of educating Louisiana's students, and they
16 have expressed that this determination is an essential part of ensuring that the MFP formula
17 meets the needs of students and the school systems that educate them and is a question that
18 warrants further study; and

19 WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every
20 student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential, it is imperative that there be
21 continued study of certain issues relative to the minimum foundation program formula so
22 that determinations can be made as to how the state can best provide experiences and
23 opportunities to students that help them succeed in all aspects of life.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
25 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and
26 Secondary Education to reconvene a minimum foundation program (MFP) task force to
27 determine the actual cost of providing public education in Louisiana and identify all
28 potential funding mechanisms to enable school systems to meet this cost and to submit a
29 written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not
30 later February 1, 2015.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force include but not
2 be limited to individuals representing BESE, the state Department of Education, the
3 Louisiana School Boards Association, the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents,
4 the Louisiana Association of School Business Officers, Council for a Better Louisiana, the
5 Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Association of Public Charter
6 Schools, the Louisiana Association of Educators, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and
7 the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

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

DIGEST

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