

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, CROWE, MORRELL, NEVERS AND PETERSON AND
REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD, WESLEY BISHOP, COX, LEGER,
MORENO AND ORTEGO

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative to work together to develop a plan to implement the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WHEREAS, Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) is a collaborative approach to learning and health developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

WHEREAS, establishing healthy behaviors during childhood is easier and more effective than trying to change unhealthy behaviors during adulthood; and

WHEREAS, research shows a link between the health outcomes of young people and their academic success; and

WHEREAS, since 1987, CDC's coordinated school health approach has been the blueprint for integrating health-promoting practices in schools, and coordinated school health programs have helped to establish policies and practices in states, districts, and schools across the nation and will see continued success with the expanded WSCC model; and

WHEREAS, the WSCC model includes ten components: health education; nutrition environment and services; employee wellness; social and emotional school climate; physical environment; health services; counseling, psychological, and social services; community involvement; family engagement; and physical education and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the WSCC model meets the needs for greater emphasis on both the psychological and physical environments as well as the ever-increasing and growing roles that community agencies and families must play.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative to work together to develop a plan to implement the WSCC model developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals host the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative in the development of the plan by providing meeting space, calling the meetings, and staffing the meetings called to prepare the plan to be submitted to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals be responsible for preparing and delivering the plan to the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals call the first meeting no later than September 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the legislature no later than January 15, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the superintendent of the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child Development and Lifelong Learning, the Childhood and Family Learning Foundation, the Louisiana Public Health Institute, and the United Way of Southeast Louisiana.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES