

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 182

BY REPRESENTATIVE WESLEY BISHOP

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility and costs of establishing a student resource center for students in approved home study programs and of using surplus space in immovable property owned by the state for such programs and to submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:236.1 grants the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education the authority to approve home study programs; and

WHEREAS, student resource centers help students improve their academic performance by providing a place where they can focus on study skills, time management, individual academic needs, and tutoring; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a student resource center for students in approved home study programs would be an opportunity to support student learning and may assist such students in making a successful transition to postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, in addition to studying the feasibility and costs of establishing a student resource center for students in approved home study programs, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education should look to the possibility of using surplus space in immovable property owned by the state of Louisiana for such programs; and

WHEREAS, parents may choose the curriculum for their child's home study program, and to help parents in making these choices, the state Department of Education provides numerous free resources on its website that can be used for curriculum development; and

WHEREAS, in addition to online assistance, it would be beneficial for students in approved home study programs to have access to a communal space to gather, to do homework and study, and to share knowledge and academic resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility and costs of establishing a student resource center for students in approved home study programs and of using surplus space in immovable property owned by the state for such programs and to submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE