

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY: Requests that the Governor's Advisory Council on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), in conducting its ESSA review, study and report to the governor relative to its impact on school and district accountability

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Governor's Advisory Council on the Every Student Succeeds Act  
3 (ESSA), in conducting its review of ESSA, to study the impact of ESSA on the  
4 state's school and district accountability system and to include in its final report to  
5 the governor its findings and conclusions relative to the issue, including any  
6 recommendations for changes to state law or state policy with respect to such system.

7 WHEREAS, present law requires a statewide system of accountability for schools  
8 and school districts; and

9 WHEREAS, many feel that the current school and district accountability system  
10 places too heavy an emphasis on the outcomes of high stakes standardized tests; and

11 WHEREAS, much of the school and district accountability system as it exists has  
12 been driven by the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act; and

13 WHEREAS, the newly adopted federal law, ESSA, grants states much more  
14 flexibility relative to their education accountability systems; and

15 WHEREAS, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Every Student Succeeds Act,  
16 created by executive order on May 26, 2016, is charged with conducting an extensive review  
17 of ESSA; making recommendations on specific actions necessary for implementation of  
18 ESSA in Louisiana; and submitting to the governor an initial report by December 31, 2016,  
19 and final report by March 1, 2017, outlining the requirements and recommendations for  
20 implementation of ESSA in Louisiana; and

1           WHEREAS, this council is well suited to study the school and district accountability  
2 system, and it is appropriate that the council include in its review of ESSA a thorough  
3 analysis of how it impacts such system.

4           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Governor's Advisory Council on  
6 the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), in conducting its review of ESSA, to study the  
7 impact of ESSA on the state's school and district accountability system and to include in its  
8 final report to the governor its findings and conclusions relative to the issue, including any  
9 recommendations for changes to state law or state policy with respect to such system.

10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
11 to Governor John Bel Edwards.

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DIGEST

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