

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 94

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

CURRICULA: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to develop a process for approval of online courses offered to students

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to establish a
3 process and promulgate rules for all online courses offered to students for initial
4 credit, which courses shall be approved by the state Department of Education at the
5 same standard as required for the Course Choice Program, and to submit a report to
6 the House Committee on Education on the status of the implementation of such
7 process and any related recommendations.

8 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that all Louisiana students should have access
9 to a quality education that best meets their unique needs; and

10 WHEREAS, each student has different needs that require access to courses presented
11 in multiple ways from a wide range of educational providers; and

12 WHEREAS, online courses can personalize learning at scale and enable students to
13 achieve dramatically improved outcomes; and

14 WHEREAS, online instruction offers a quality, individualized education to students
15 who seek access to additional high quality courses, especially those enrolled in
16 low-performing public schools and those whose educational choices are limited by
17 geography and financial means; and

18 WHEREAS, the legislature recognized the value of online instruction by authorizing
19 the statewide Course Choice Program in 2012 which charged the state Department of
20 Education with ensuring student access, instructional alignment, rigor, and quality as it
21 relates to such program; and

1 WHEREAS, successful implementation of online instruction will bolster the state's
2 goal of providing a quality education for every Louisiana student and will enable students
3 to successfully transition to postsecondary education and the workplace; and

4 WHEREAS, all online instruction for initial credit should meet the same standards
5 as teachers and online course providers approved for the Course Choice Program so that
6 there is consistent delivery of academic standards as defined in state board policy.

7 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
8 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and
9 Secondary Education to create an approval process and promulgate rules in accordance with
10 the Administrative Procedure Act for all online courses offered to students for initial credit,
11 which courses shall be approved by the state Department of Education at the same standard
12 as required for the Course Choice Program, and to submit a report to the House Committee
13 on Education by not later than January 31, 2018, on the status of the implementation of such
14 process and any recommendations relative thereto.

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

DIGEST

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Requests the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to create an approval process for all online courses offered to students for initial credit. Requests the board to report to the House Committee on Education by Jan. 31, 2018, on the status of the implementation of such process and any related recommendations.