

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 190

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRICE

SCHOOLS/FINANCE-MFP: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education reconvene a Minimum Foundation Program task force to determine the actual cost of public education and identify potential funding mechanisms

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to reconvene  
3 a Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) task force to determine the actual cost of  
4 providing public education in Louisiana and identify all potential funding  
5 mechanisms to enable school systems to meet this cost and to submit a written report  
6 of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not later  
7 than February 1, 2018.

8 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana requires that the legislature provide for  
9 the education of the people of the state and further requires that the legislature establish and  
10 maintain a public education system; and

11 WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana further provides that it is the goal of the  
12 public education system to provide learning environments and experiences at all stages of  
13 human development that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that  
14 every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential; and

15 WHEREAS, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) has  
16 the constitutional responsibility of annually developing, adopting, and submitting to the  
17 legislature for its approval and funding a formula to be used to determine the cost of a  
18 Minimum Foundation Program of education in all public elementary and secondary schools  
19 as well as to equitably allocate the funds to local school systems; and

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, House Concurrent Resolution No. 7 of the 2017 Regular Session of the  
6 Legislature, which provides for legislative approval of the 2017-2018 MFP formula, is under  
7 consideration by the legislature; and

8           WHEREAS, since initially convening an MFP Task Force in 2013, BESE has re-  
9 convened the task force to study and make recommendations relative to the MFP formula  
10 each year; and

11           WHEREAS, many education stakeholders feel that various issues relative to the MFP  
12 formula warrant further study so that the needs of students and the school systems that  
13 educate them are sufficiently met; and

14           WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every  
15 student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential, it is imperative that there be  
16 continued study of the Minimum Foundation Program formula so that determinations can  
17 be made as to how the state can best provide experiences and opportunities to students that  
18 help them succeed in all aspects of life.

19           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and  
21 Secondary Education to reconvene a Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) task force to  
22 determine the actual cost of providing public education in Louisiana and identify all  
23 potential funding mechanisms to enable school systems to meet this cost and to submit a  
24 written report of findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education not  
25 later than February 1, 2018.

26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the task force include but not  
27 be limited to individuals representing BESE, the state Department of Education, the  
28 Louisiana School Boards Association, the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents,  
29 the Louisiana Association of School Business Officers, Council for a Better Louisiana, the  
30 Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the Louisiana Association of Public Charter

1 Schools, the Louisiana Association of Educators, the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, and  
2 the Louisiana Developmental Disabilities Council.

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

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DIGEST

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