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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8

BY SENATOR MORRELL

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the Dept. of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, school gun violence is becoming a common occurrence throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, violence takes place in the first few minutes an intruder is on site and speed of response to an emergency is critical; and

WHEREAS, relying solely on personal notification for emergencies can limit a school's ability to reach law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, a silent alarm greatly reduces the time gap between someone recognizing a threat and receiving help, and would allow school personnel to push a button, thereby alerting authorities of an emergency situation and aiding law enforcement to respond more quickly; and

WHEREAS, silent alarms are commonplace technology in financial institutions and have been installed in schools across the United States to better protect students and teachers; and

WHEREAS, student and teacher safety should be a top priority in Louisiana and

adding an additional layer of safety could be the protection needed to save their lives.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Education to investigate the feasibility and cost of installing silent alarms in all elementary and secondary school classrooms in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the senate and house committees on education not later than February 1, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Nancy Vicknair.

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