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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

TEACHERS: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the possibility of lowering the performance rating required for teachers to be granted tenure or to reacquire tenure

A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the 3 possibility of lowering the performance rating required for teachers to be granted 4 tenure or to reacquire tenure and to submit a written report of findings and any 5 recommendations for related legislation to the House Committee on Education not 6 later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2019 Regular Session of the 7 Legislature of Louisiana. 8 WHEREAS, present law requires the formal evaluation of teachers and 9 administrators and provides that the elements of evaluation and standards for effectiveness 10 shall be defined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) 11 pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated for this purpose; and 12 WHEREAS, these rules provide for the following four effectiveness ratings relative to a teacher's performance: "ineffective", "effective: emerging", "effective: proficient", and 13 14 "highly effective"; and 15 WHEREAS, present law provides that a teacher rated "highly effective" for five 16 years within a six-year period shall be granted tenure; and 17 WHEREAS, present law provides that a tenured teacher shall lose tenure 18 immediately upon receiving a final performance rating of "ineffective" and that if he is found 19 "highly effective" on the growth portion of the evaluation but "ineffective" on the 20 observation portion, he shall be entitled to a second observation; and

1 WHEREAS, the law further provides that a teacher who loses tenure shall reacquire 2 tenure upon receiving a rating of "highly effective" for five years within a six-year period; 3 and 4 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 587 of the 2018 Regular Session, which was voluntarily 5 deferred at its committee hearing, would have lowered the performance rating a teacher must 6 receive in order to be granted tenure or reacquire tenure from "highly effective" to 7 "effective: proficient"; and 8 WHEREAS, many education stakeholders and policy makers have expressed that the 9 standard required for a teacher to be granted or to reacquire tenure is too high and that this 10 issue warrants further study. 11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and 13 Secondary Education to study the possibility of lowering the performance rating required 14 for teachers to be granted tenure or to reacquire tenure and to submit a written report of its 15 findings and any recommendations for related legislation to the House Committee on 16 Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2019 Regular Session of the 17 Legislature of Louisiana. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 19 to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state 20 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study the possibility of lowering the performance rating required for teachers to be granted tenure or reacquire tenure and report findings and recommendations to the House education committee prior to the 2019 R.S.