

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

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TEACHERS. Requests the governor and BESE to work with the legislature to increase the average pay of public school teachers.

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the governor and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, to work with the legislature to explore ways to provide funding to increase teacher salaries to the level where Louisiana's average teacher salary will equal or exceed the average teacher salary for the southern region.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana provides that "the goal of the public educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of human development, that are . . . designed to promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and

WHEREAS, attracting and retaining quality teachers in all of Louisiana's classrooms is one of the most important aspects in assuring that an excellent educational environment is provided; and

WHEREAS, the current shortage of teachers is a statewide concern among school districts; and

WHEREAS, placing a highly qualified, highly engaged, appropriately certified teacher in every classroom will become more difficult to do if teacher pay in Louisiana continues to lag behind the pay of other professions in our state and teacher salaries in other states in our region; and

