



1 improving the health and safety of student athletes in Louisiana's secondary schools; in  
2 response to the resolution, the board submitted findings from preliminary investigations; and

3 WHEREAS, the board concluded there is a need for further comprehensive study in  
4 the areas of high blood pressure, concussion and mild traumatic brain injury, congenital  
5 cardiovascular disease, performance-enhancing drugs including steroids, spinal cord injury,  
6 and heat-related illness; and

7 WHEREAS, the safety of Louisiana's student-athletes should be the highest priority,  
8 and it is important to work towards minimizing the inherent risks that all sports entail; and

9 WHEREAS, through the implementation of required policies and procedures, schools  
10 can be well prepared to preserve and protect the health of students.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
12 urge and request public school governing authorities to adopt policies requiring more  
13 extensive testing of the health of student athletes in Louisiana's secondary schools.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
15 executive directors of the Louisiana Association of Principals, the Louisiana Association of  
16 Public Charter Schools, the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, and the  
17 Louisiana School Boards Association.

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#### DIGEST

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#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution:

1. Change addressee of the request from the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to public school governing authorities.