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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 256

BY SENATOR WALSWORTH

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of collecting and reporting certain information related to school employees.

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of establishing
3	a statewide database for collecting detailed information regarding the discipline of
4	school personnel to be used in the issuance and revocation of teaching certificates
5	and teaching authorizations, and for hiring school teachers, administrators, and other
6	school personnel.
7	WHEREAS, school-aged children spend almost fifty percent of their waking hours
8	in the care of school personnel; and
9	WHEREAS, keeping people who prey on children out of our schools is paramount;
10	and
11	WHEREAS, it has been documented that teachers who have been accused of
12	endangering children have been permitted to resign without documentation of the
13	misconduct; and
14	WHEREAS, it has also been documented that some of these teachers have been
15	rehired by unsuspecting school districts and then later preyed on other children; and
16	WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies in Louisiana developed and operate a
17	database to collect and report data on the misconduct of law enforcement officers; and
18	WHEREAS, this database was developed in order to prevent officers from resigning

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to avoid disciplinary action, only to be rehired by another agency without disclosing past misconduct; and

WHEREAS, the database is used only for purposes of hiring and revocation of certifications; and

WHEREAS, our youngest and most vulnerable citizens deserve the same protections.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide database for collecting detailed information regarding the discipline of school personnel to be used in the issuance and revocation of teaching certificates and teaching authorizations, and for hiring school teachers, administrators, and other school personnel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include a review of the Louisiana Uniform Law Enforcement Statewide Reporting Database, including its reporting requirements, forms, procedures, and reports for guidance in establishing a school personnel database.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education shall submit a written report on any findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education at least thirty days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature.

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

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

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