

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCKNIGHT AND GAROFALO

EDUCATION: Requests that the state Department of Education, Louisiana Workforce Commission, and Board of Regents jointly report on the status of data sharing agreements for the purpose of evaluating the Jump Start program

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education, the Louisiana Workforce  
3 Commission, and the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Louisiana School  
4 Boards Association, to jointly prepare and submit a report to the House Committee  
5 on Education not later than December 31, 2020, relative to the status of data sharing  
6 agreements and related efforts underway to obtain and analyze data needed for  
7 evaluation of the Jump Start program.

8 WHEREAS, in 2014, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
9 (BESE) established the Jump Start program to support high school students in earning  
10 industry-based certifications and credentials aligned with high-growth, high-wage job sectors  
11 as approved by Louisiana's Workforce Investment Council; and

12 WHEREAS, Jump Start training pathways and related programming prepare students  
13 to successfully transition to the workplace while also enabling them to continue their  
14 postsecondary training and education and career development; and

15 WHEREAS, BESE currently recognizes regional/emerging, basic, and advanced  
16 Jump Start training pathways in eleven key industry sectors, including agriculture, food, and  
17 natural resources; architecture and construction; arts, audiovisual technology, and  
18 communication; business management and administration; health sciences; hospitality and  
19 tourism; human services; information technology; law, public safety, corrections, and  
20 security; manufacturing; and transportation, distribution, and logistics; and

1           WHEREAS, BESE and the legislature have made significant financial investments  
2 in the Jump Start program through the Minimum Foundation Program, including the  
3 Supplemental Course Allocation, Career Development Funds, and weighted funding for  
4 career and technical education courses; and

5           WHEREAS, program evaluation that includes careful analysis of outcome data is  
6 essential in determining whether public policies are achieving their intended goals and  
7 objectives; and

8           WHEREAS, evaluation and continuous improvement of the Jump Start program  
9 requires knowledge of whether or not students have been able to secure employment in the  
10 field in which they trained or have continued to pursue advanced training in the same  
11 industry; and

12           WHEREAS, this information is not available without data sharing agreements  
13 between Louisiana's local education agencies and the state Department of Education, the  
14 Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Board of Regents; and

15           WHEREAS, representatives from the state Department of Education, the Louisiana  
16 Workforce Commission, and the Louisiana School Boards Association testified during the  
17 House Committee on Education meeting held May 13, 2020, that such agreements can and  
18 will be pursued in a cooperative manner in order to perform the analysis necessary for  
19 evaluation of the Jump Start program.

20           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education,  
22 the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Board of Regents, in consultation with the  
23 Louisiana School Boards Association, to jointly prepare and submit a report to the House  
24 Committee on Education not later than December 31, 2020, relative to the status of data  
25 sharing agreements and related efforts underway to obtain and analyze data needed for  
26 evaluation of the Jump Start program.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such data shall include, at minimum, the  
28 following relative to Jump Start graduates and the industry-based certifications or credentials  
29 earned through the Jump Start program: which specific industry-based certifications and  
30 credentials are being earned; whether or not the students enter a public postsecondary

1 education institution pursuing a degree, certification, or credential related to such  
2 certifications or credentials; and whether or not they enter the workforce in an occupation  
3 related to such certifications or credentials.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such report should outline any legal or  
5 operational challenges that may require legislative remedies to obtain and analyze the data  
6 needed to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the Jump Start program and any  
7 recommendations to address such challenges.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the  
9 state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the  
10 commissioner of higher education, and the executive director of the Louisiana School  
11 Boards Association.

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DIGEST

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