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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

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

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1 education institution pursuing a degree, certification, or credential related to such

certifications or credentials; and whether or not they enter the workforce in an occupation

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

needed to fully evaluate the effectiveness of the Jump Start program and any

recommendations to address such challenges.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

state superintendent of education, the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the

commissioner of higher education, and the executive director of the Louisiana School

11 Boards Association.

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## **DIGEST**

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McKnight

Requests that the state Dept. of Education, the La. Workforce Commission, and the Bd. of Regents, in consultation with the La. School Boards Assoc., jointly prepare and submit a report to the House Committee on Education not later than Dec. 31, 2020, relative to the status of data sharing agreements and related efforts underway to obtain and analyze data needed for evaluation of the Jump Start program.