

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.

DIGEST

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