

1 the northern border of the state; and

2 WHEREAS, the storm wreaked havoc in the areas it crossed, downing power lines,
3 destroying basic infrastructure, and leaving the homes of many uninhabitable; and

4 WHEREAS, the destruction has caused many citizens to relocate until their homes
5 can be rebuilt; and

6 WHEREAS, the facilities of many schools were severely damaged or destroyed, thus
7 interrupting educational services; and

8 WHEREAS, the MFP formula calculates payments to schools based on their student
9 enrollment; and

10 WHEREAS, the displacement of students from the storm will likely negatively
11 impact many of the school districts affected by Hurricane Laura and, at a minimum, these
12 parishes should be held harmless for the loss of students during the 2020-2021 fiscal year
13 and receive their full MFP allocation.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to hold a special
16 meeting and adopt adjustments to the minimum foundation program (MFP) formula to
17 ensure that school districts impacted by Hurricane Laura do not lose MFP funding during
18 the 2020-2021 fiscal year due to decreases in student enrollment.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adjustments to the MFP formula, at a
20 minimum, hold the impacted districts in Acadia, Allen, Beauregard, Caddo, Calcasieu,
21 Cameron, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, LaSalle, Lincoln, Morehouse, Natchitoches,
22 Ouachita, Rapides, Sabine, St. Landry, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, and Winn parishes
23 harmless for the loss of students due to Hurricane Laura.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the adjustments to the MFP formula adopted by
25 BESE be submitted to the legislature by October 15, 2020.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
28 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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