



1 Louisiana, along with the overwhelming majority of U.S. states, does not currently address  
2 this specific issue in law, regulation, or other policy; and

3 WHEREAS, the use of school-issued digital devices can have harmful effects on  
4 children's health, particularly with respect to obesity, muscle and bone development, sleep  
5 patterns, and eye health; and

6 WHEREAS, the increasing amount of digital device use required by schools is a  
7 public health concern that merits serious consideration by this state's policymaking board  
8 for elementary and secondary education and the legislature.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in consultation  
11 with the office of public health of the Louisiana Department of Health, to study best health  
12 and safety practices for the use of school-issued digital devices.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
14 Education shall report findings from the study called for in this Resolution to the House  
15 Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on  
16 Health and Welfare, the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, and the David R. Poynter  
17 Legislative Research Library no later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2022  
18 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state  
21 superintendent of education, the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, and the  
22 assistant secretary of the office of public health.

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#### DIGEST

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Requires BESE to report findings of the study to the legislative committees on education and health and welfare no later than 60 days prior to the 2022 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution:

1. Specify that best practices studied be health and safety best practices and that the study be relative to school-issued digital devices rather than digital devices in classrooms.