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2021 Regular Session

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50

BY SENATOR FIELDS

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the state Department of Education to identify providers of violence and suicide prevention training that is available at no or low cost.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the state Department of Education to identify no cost and low cost
3	evidence-based training providers for students regarding social inclusion, violence
4	prevention, and suicide prevention, and to submit a written report of its findings to
5	the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education no later
6	than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.
7	WHEREAS, the safety of young people and maintaining safe school environments
8	is of primary importance to Louisiana and its citizens; and
9	WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth
10	Risk Behavior Survey, 12.4% of Louisiana students surveyed reported being threatened or
11	injured on school property with a weapon, 19.3% were bullied on school property, 15% were
12	cyber-bullied, 10.6% reported being involved in a physical fight on school property, and
13	15% reported physical dating violence; and
14	WHEREAS, Louisiana's suicide rate is higher than the national average; and
15	WHEREAS, suicide is the leading cause of violence-related death for Louisiana
16	youth ages 10 to 14, and the second leading cause thereafter; and
17	WHEREAS, in the majority of instances, students display warning signs or signals
18	before taking harmful action; and

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1	WHEREAS, reporting these signals ahead of time and to the appropriate entity can
2	prevent violence and save lives; and
3	WHEREAS, the legislature acknowledges the importance of reporting youth violence
4	in R.S. 17:416.13, relative to recognition and reporting of bullying, and R.S. 17:410, relative
5	to the recognition and reporting of threats to safety in schools; and
6	WHEREAS, the legislature currently requires in-service training regarding violence
7	prevention and suicide prevention for teachers, administrators, and other staff in R.S.
8	17:437.1, but has no requirements to instruct students; and
9	WHEREAS, peer intervention training is a national best practice that is critically
10	important to social inclusion and violence prevention; and
11	WHEREAS, using evidence-based practices is fundamental to the effectiveness of
12	educational training.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	urge and request the state Department of Education to identify no cost and low cost
15	evidence-based training providers for students regarding social inclusion, violence
16	prevention, and suicide prevention and to submit a written report of its findings to the Senate
17	Committee on Education and the House Committee on Education no later than sixty days
18	prior to the beginning of the 2022 Regular Session of the Legislature.
19	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include information from school
20	districts on currently used training providers and their capabilities.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include considerations of the
22	evidence-based principles used by the identified providers.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall also identify public and
24	private grant funding opportunities to provide further training.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall solicit the input,
26	recommendations, and advice of the following:
27	(1) The chairperson of the Senate Committee on Education, or his designee.
28	(2) The chairperson of the House Committee on Education, or his designee.
29	(3) The president of the Louisiana Federation of Teachers, or his designee.
30	(4) The executive director of the Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana, or

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1	his designee.
2	(5) The president of the Louisiana Association of Educators, or his designee.
3	(6) The executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association, or his
4	designee.
5	(7) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents,
6	or his designee.
7	(8) The president of the Louisiana chapter of the National Association on Mental
8	Illness, or his designee.
9	(9) Other agencies, individuals, or organizations engaged in youth violence
10	prevention and suicide prevention work, as considered relevant by the department.
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12	state superintendent of education.
	The original instrument was prepared by Ann S Brown. The following

The original instrument was prepared by Ann S. Brown. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

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# Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

# Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.