

1 WHEREAS, school zones are designed to keep children safe as they arrive at and
2 leave school; and

3 WHEREAS, the school zone for the Chackbay Elementary School is currently forty
4 miles per hour; and

5 WHEREAS, reduced speed limits in school zones will help to minimize injuries and
6 deaths; and

7 WHEREAS, dedicated traffic control signals or signs will help to enhance highway
8 safety and facilitate orderly movement of traffic while also potentially avoiding injuries and
9 accidents; and

10 WHEREAS, the installation of traffic control signals may interrupt extremely heavy
11 flows of traffic and permit the crossing and turning of vehicles that could not otherwise
12 move safely through the intersection; and

13 WHEREAS, given the safety concerns associated with school zones, Louisiana may
14 need to take steps to ensure safety of children in school zones and persons working and
15 traveling said highway by setting proper speed limits in the appropriate areas and if
16 necessary, changing existing speed limits that are not appropriate to the location; and

17 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state of Louisiana to provide for the safety
18 of its citizens to the best of its ability.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the
21 appropriateness of safe school zones on Highway 20 from the city limits of Thibodaux
22 northbound to Highway 304 and Chackbay Elementary School.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department's study shall include a
24 determination of the need for traffic control signals or signs on Highway 20 at Cascade
25 Drive.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
27 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the Louisiana House of
28 Representatives and the Louisiana Senate prior to March 1, 2022.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
30 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the appropriateness of safe school zones on Hwy. 20 from the city limits of Thibodaux northbound to Hwy. 304 and Chackbay Elementary School and the need for traffic control signals or signs on Hwy. 20 at Cascade Drive. Requires the DOTD to submit a written report detailing its findings to the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate prior to March 1, 2022.