

2021 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR FESI

BESE. Requests BESE and public school governing authorities to adopt policies making face coverings optional for students.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the
3 governing authority of each public elementary and secondary school to adopt
4 policies providing that face coverings for students are optional.

5 WHEREAS, the research on COVID-19 has shown that children are far less likely
6 to contract and transmit the virus than are adults; and

7 WHEREAS, in order to decrease the risk of COVID-19 for students and school staff,
8 our schools have implemented protocols for social distancing and frequent sanitation of
9 common areas; and

10 WHEREAS, adults working in schools were prioritized as some of the first persons
11 eligible to be vaccinated; and

12 WHEREAS, many students now qualify to receive a COVID-19 vaccination; and

13 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated
14 guidance and no longer recommends that fully-vaccinated adults wear face coverings in
15 areas where social distancing protocols are followed; and

16 WHEREAS, this guidance was issued because research has shown that fully-
17 vaccinated adults are far less likely to contract or transmit the virus than their unvaccinated
18 counterparts; and

1 WHEREAS, the CDC has not yet updated its guidance for schools, even in those that
2 have instituted social distancing protocols.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
4 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the governing
5 authority of each public elementary and secondary school to adopt policies providing that
6 face coverings for students are optional.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education communicate this request to each public school governing authority.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
10 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
11 superintendent of education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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