

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 126

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

TEACHERS: Requests the state Department of Education to evaluate training required of teachers

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to evaluate training required of
3 teachers.

4 WHEREAS, teachers across Louisiana provide students with the tools they need to
5 succeed in school and life; teachers carry to work every day the tremendous burden of
6 responsibility for the future of society itself; and

7 WHEREAS, teachers' responsibilities can extend far beyond those listed in their job
8 descriptions, and their commitment can extend far beyond the daily bell-to-bell timeframe;
9 free minutes during the school day are few and far between; and

10 WHEREAS, the cost of providing training for teachers, including providing materials
11 and equipment, is one of several factors that should be considered when training programs
12 are mandated for the teacher workforce, in addition to the fullness of a teacher's typical work
13 day; and

14 WHEREAS, unfunded mandates and uncompensated time required of teachers for
15 completion of training programs should also be considered before requiring teachers to
16 complete training programs; and

17 WHEREAS, while continuing education is vital for many professions, it is important
18 to ensure Louisiana teachers are not overburdened with training programs and that the costs
19 and benefits of such programs be carefully considered.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to
3 evaluate annual training required of teachers and to submit a report to the House Committee
4 on Education that includes the following information:

5 (1) A list of training sessions teachers are required to complete. "Teachers" includes
6 kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers at public schools, including charter schools, and
7 nonpublic schools that receive state funding.

8 (2) The governing entity that requires each such training.

9 (3) The costs of training and how it is funded.

10 (4) The time each training takes to complete.

11 (5) The frequency or intervals of each training.

12 (6) Recommendations for revisions to current required training, including but not
13 limited to the following:

14 (a) Topics to cover.

15 (b) Funding sources.

16 (c) Duration of training programs.

17 (d) Frequency of training.

18 (7) Recommendations for future mandated training.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted to the House
20 Committee on Education not later than ninety days prior to the convening of the 2022
21 Regular Session of the Legislature.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
23 state superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests the state Dept. of Education to study annual training required of K-12 teachers and to report to the House Committee on Education no later than 90 days prior to the 2022 R.S.