

2022 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY SENATOR JACKSON

TEACHERS. Requests the Department of Education to study the impact of adding days to the school calendar has on teachers.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the impact of adding days
3 to the school calendar has on teachers, and to submit a written report of its findings
4 and any recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education not later than
5 December 1, 2022.

6 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:154.3 requires that all teachers work not less than one hundred
7 eighty-two days per school year and no fewer than one hundred seventy-seven of those days
8 shall be used to provide instruction to students; and

9 WHEREAS, Act 306 of the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature enacted R.S.
10 17:154.3, which provided for teachers to teach one hundred eighty days, plus up to five
11 additional days for staff development. However, that Act required an additional
12 appropriation to be provided if more than one additional day was required for staff
13 development; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1997, the law has been amended to add additional work days and
15 to remove both the maximum number of additional work days that may be added to the
16 calendar for teachers and the requirement for an additional appropriation for additional staff
17 development days; and

18 WHEREAS, even without the demands of required staff development, teachers'

1 responsibilities can extend far beyond the daily bell-to-bell timeframe; and

2 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature routinely enacts laws and adopts resolutions
3 that add new requirements for training of teachers; and

4 WHEREAS, a recent report by the state Department of Education listed over a dozen
5 mandatory training sessions that are required annually for all teachers, all of which require
6 additional time from teachers with little to no additional pay; and

7 WHEREAS, in addition to increased staff development time, many school systems
8 have been adding additional instructional days to their school calendars; and

9 WHEREAS, few school systems, if any, have increased teacher pay or leave benefits
10 to compensate for the additional time demands; and

11 WHEREAS, as the issue of teacher shortages is at a critical phase, the impact that
12 additional time commitments have on teacher retention or recruitment needs to be
13 considered.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
15 does hereby request the state Department of Education to study the impact of adding days
16 to the school calendar has on teachers, and to submit a written report of its findings and any
17 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education not later than December 1, 2022.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be provided to the state
19 Superintendent of Education.

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

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