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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBBY CARTER

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education and the Department of Transportation and Development to jointly study the feasibility and effectiveness of installing seat belts on school buses and to report their findings to the House Committee on Education not later than February 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, seat belts bring benefits to students, school bus operators, and schools and school districts; and

WHEREAS, the presence of seat belts on school buses could help teach children the critical habit of regularly using them; and

WHEREAS, seat belts can reduce distractions and improve student behavior, as well as make them safer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education and the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility and effectiveness of installing seat belts on school buses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education and Department of Transportation and Development shall submit a report to the House Committee on Education that includes the following information relative to all school buses used to transport public school students to and from home, school, and activities, including buses owned by schools, school districts, and individual operators:

(1) The feasibility, effectiveness, potential costs, and suggested time frame for installing seat belts on school buses.

(2) An examination of practices in other states relative to requirements and authorizations for seat belts on school buses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted to the House Committee on Education not later than February 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES