

2023 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25

BY SENATOR HEWITT

BESE. Urges and requests the board to prepare for implementation of an "education savings account" program.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prepare for
3 implementation of an "education savings account" program.

4 WHEREAS, Louisiana has established programs that enable parents to enroll their
5 children in the elementary or secondary school that best meets their individual needs; and

6 WHEREAS, through the course choice program, the state has supported students in
7 accessing secondary courses not offered at their high schools; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana has supported parents in saving for elementary, secondary,
9 and postsecondary education through individual savings accounts that enable them to direct
10 funds to institutions of their choice; and

11 WHEREAS, Act 415 of the 2021 Regular Session empowers parents to access funds
12 to support early literacy and reading supports and interventions provided by authorized
13 providers; and

14 WHEREAS, several states have authorized programs to enable parents of school-age
15 children to receive deposits of public funds into state-authorized "education savings
16 accounts" and to use those funds for tuition, tutoring, educational therapies, virtual
17 education, and early college courses; and

18 WHEREAS, these can serve as models for implementing and administering a similar

1 program in Louisiana.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
3 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prepare for
4 implementation of an "education savings account" program by creating a sustainable
5 framework, identifying potential third party vendors, and engaging in communications with
6 appropriate state agencies that may be involved in the implementation of a program.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
8 Education is requested to provide a report of progress to be submitted to the Senate and
9 House education committees no later than January 12, 2024.

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

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implement an "education savings account" program.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the
original bill

1. Change agency requested to prepare for implementation of the program from
the Dept. of Education to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary
Education.