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2023 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 204

BY SENATOR FIELDS

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BESE. Urges and requests BESE to recognize and include increased funding as provided in HB 1 of the 2023 Regular Session, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to recognize
3	and include increased funding, as provided in House Bill No. 1 of the 2023 Regular
4	Session, when developing and adopting a minimum foundation program formula for
5	the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.
6	WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 13(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana requires the
7	State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop and adopt, annually,
8	a formula which is to be used to determine the cost of a minimum foundation program
9	(MFP) of education in all public elementary and secondary schools; and
10	WHEREAS, on March 8, 2023, BESE adopted such a formula to determine the cost
11	and allocation of funds for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, and on March 15, 2023, submitted
12	it to the legislature; and
13	WHEREAS, an instrument providing for legislative approval of the formula was
14	introduced for consideration, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2; and
15	WHEREAS, the proposed formula includes, among other components, provisions
16	for: increased funding for pay raises and associated retirement costs, funding for
17	differentiated compensation, funding for an apprenticeship program, and funding for Ecole
18	Pointe au Chien; and

1	WHEREAS, the formula includes an across-the-board two thousand dollar pay raise
2	plus the current year applicable retirement contributions for certified personnel; and
3	WHEREAS, the formula includes an across-the-board one-thousand dollar pay raise
4	plus the current year applicable retirement contributions for non-certified personnel; and
5	WHEREAS, in order to provide for funding these components of the formula in an
6	amount determined by the legislature, the legislature intends to amend House Bill No. 1 of
7	the 2023 Regular Session in order to provide for this funding outside of the formula by
8	directing the state Department of Education to allocate such funds in the same manner in
9	which they would have been allocated pursuant to the MFP formula; and
10	WHEREAS, it is the intent of the legislature that this increase in funding, although
11	provided for outside of the MFP formula for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year, be recognized and
12	included by the BESE in future years.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
14	does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to
15	recognize and include provisions for increased funding to provide the two-thousand dollar
16	pay raise for certified personnel and the one-thousand dollar pay raise for non-certified
17	personnel, along with related employer retirement contributions, as provided in House Bill
18	No. 1 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Legislature, when developing and adopting a
19	minimum foundation program formula for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year and in future years.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21	president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, state superintendent
22	of education, commissioner of administration, and governor.

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

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