

1 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that education experts gather to consider the role of
2 LEAP in determinations relative to high school graduation and other possible measures that
3 could be used to confirm students' graduation eligibility and readiness for postsecondary
4 education opportunities.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 create a task force to evaluate the use of high stakes testing in determinations relative to high
7 school graduation and to submit a written report of findings and conclusions and
8 recommendations, if any, for related legislation to the House Committee on Education and
9 Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2025.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of thirteen
11 members as follows:

12 (1) The governor or his designee.

13 (2) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

14 (3) The state superintendent of education or his designee.

15 (4) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or his
16 designee.

17 (5) The executive director of the Louisiana School Boards Association or his
18 designee.

19 (6) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents
20 or his designee.

21 (7) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Principals or his designee.

22 (8) The president of the Louisiana School Counselor Association or his designee.

23 (9) The chairman of the College and Career Readiness Commission or his designee.

24 (10) The president of Council for a Better Louisiana or his designee.

25 (11) The executive director of Stand for Children Louisiana or his designee.

26 (12) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools
27 or his designee.

28 (13) A secondary school teacher who teaches a course for which the passage of an
29 end of course exam is required for graduation, to be selected by the state's teacher unions.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall review existing laws and
2 policies in Louisiana and the national landscape in terms of other states that require
3 minimum standardized test scores for graduation and the appeals process in those states, if
4 any.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall consider both the benefits
6 and drawbacks of the assessment system in Louisiana with respect to high school graduation,
7 including the use of LEAP as a tool in measuring student achievement and LEAP's role as
8 a potential barrier to student success and a limitation on truly measuring what they have
9 learned.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall serve without compensation
11 except for per diem or expenses to which they may be entitled as members of their
12 organizations.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
14 constitute a quorum of the task force, and any official action taken by the task force shall
15 require an affirmative vote of the majority of the quorum present and voting.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state superintendent of education shall call
17 an organizational meeting of the task force by August 1, 2024, at which the task force shall
18 elect a chairman and any other officers deemed necessary from among the membership.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education shall provide
20 staff support to the task force.

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