

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 264

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

STATE AGENCIES: Requests state agencies to seek funding, through state or federal funds or available grants, for unfunded programs and policies

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request each state department to request funding, through their annual budget
3 requests for state appropriations or from federal funding sources, available grants,
4 or from any other source, for programs and policies that have been enacted by the
5 legislature and that pertain to agencies in the respective department but that have not
6 been implemented because the legislature has not provided funding for them and to
7 report on the status of such programs, policies, and funding.

8 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has enacted numerous innovative programs
9 and policies that have not been implemented by state agencies because the legislature has
10 not provided the required funding; and

11 WHEREAS, in every regular session, the legislature enacts legislation the
12 effectiveness of which is contingent on funding; during the 2023 Regular Session of the
13 Legislature alone, legislative Acts for which effectiveness was contingent on funding
14 included policies as varied as: free school breakfast and lunch, creating an office of port
15 development, compensation of parish boards of election supervisors, health insurance
16 coverage for genetic testing, and foreign language immersion programs; and

17 WHEREAS, the legislature appropriates funds for many of the programs and policies
18 that it has enacted; and

19 WHEREAS, the legislature believes that affected agencies should take the initiative
20 to seek funding that would allow for the implementation of previously enacted legislative
21 programs and policies.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each state department to request
3 funding, through their annual budget requests for state appropriations or from federal
4 funding sources, available grants, or from any other source, for programs and policies that
5 have been enacted by the legislature and that pertain to agencies in the respective department
6 but that have not been implemented because the legislature has not provided funding for
7 them.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature
9 of Louisiana does hereby urge and request each state department to report to the legislature,
10 prior to January 1, 2025, on the following with respect to such funding requests:

11 (1) A descriptive list of the programs and policies that were identified as unfunded
12 pursuant to this Resolution.

13 (2) The amounts requested to fund those programs and policies for fiscal years 2022-
14 2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025.

15 (3) The amounts appropriated for those programs and polices in each of those fiscal
16 years.

17 (4) Recommendations regarding the modification or continuation of such programs
18 and policies.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 secretary or other chief executive officer of each executive branch department of state
21 government.

DIGEST

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