

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 249

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

A RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the state Department of Education to study reporting by school systems of incidents of school employees committing child abuse and sexual assault against students.

WHEREAS, educators play an essential role in children's lives; to help ensure children have the best outcomes in an educational setting, reporting of incidents of teachers and school employees committing abuse against students must be consistent and thorough across the school systems throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, child sexual abuse has serious and multiple negative consequences; R.S. 14:131.1 provides that it is unlawful for any person having knowledge of the commission of any rape or sexual abuse of a child to fail to report or disclose such information to a law enforcement agency or district attorney, except when the person having such knowledge is bound by any privilege of confidentiality recognized by law.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the state Department of Education to study reporting by school systems of incidents of school employees committing child abuse and sexual assault against students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state Department of Education shall submit a written report of findings to the House Committee on Education not later than thirty days prior to the beginning of the 2025 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES