

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 57

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To authorize and direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize policies pertaining to organ donation education in its rulemaking process as authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill become law.

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements, authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for instruction and training requirements by rule, and requires BESE to consider in the rule promulgation process the specific statutory requirements that will be repealed if this bill becomes law; and

WHEREAS, one of the laws proposed to be repealed in House Bill No. 320, R.S. 17:280.2, requires each public high school to provide instruction relative to organ donation to its students, requires that such instruction be integrated into the curriculum of an existing required course such as health education or another required course deemed appropriate by the public school governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Act that created this law is known as Aliye's Law, legislation that was named in memory of Aliye Ringe, a Baton Rouge teenager who lost her life, but because she was an organ donor, her organs were used to save the lives of five strangers; and

WHEREAS, many legislators have stated that they wish to remove certain requirements previously enacted by the legislature and grant BESE the general authority to provide for instructional and training requirements by rule; however, at the same time, many legislators have expressed their belief in the importance of some of these requirements and

their desire for BESE to prioritize them in its rulemaking process, particularly as they pertain to suicide prevention and mental health.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby authorize and direct the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prioritize policies pertaining to organ donation education in its rulemaking process as authorized by House Bill No. 320 of this 2024 Regular Session should that bill become law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board shall provide ample opportunity for input from concerned citizens and advocacy groups in the rule promulgation process.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE