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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 166

BY SENATOR MIZELL

BESE. Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to encourage and assist local school districts to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements to bulk purchase products and services in order to save valuable education dollars.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to encourage
3 and assist local school districts to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements for the
4 cooperative purchasing of products and services in order to save valuable education
5 dollars.

6 WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Constitution of Louisiana provides that
7 "(f)or a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions or political corporations may
8 engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or
9 with any public or private association, corporation, or individual"; and

10 WHEREAS, cooperative endeavor agreements for cooperative purchasing are used
11 to simplify the procurement process for smaller public agencies to allow them to purchase
12 through existing contracts negotiated by larger public agencies in order to reap savings and
13 increase efficiencies; and

14 WHEREAS, by encouraging one or more smaller school districts to enter into
15 cooperative endeavor agreements for cooperative purchasing with a larger school district that
16 has an existing contract that has already gone through a competitive solicitation, evaluation
17 process, and been awarded to a supplier, the smaller school districts can receive the same
18 favorable discounts and savings that the larger school district has received; and

1 WHEREAS, the benefits of cooperative purchasing for government agencies include
2 reduced procurement costs, greater time efficiency, and the ability to obtain value-added and
3 higher-quality products and services at industry-leading pricing; and

4 WHEREAS, the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana believes that encouraging
5 local school districts to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements for cooperative
6 purchasing of products and services will result in savings and will allow local school districts
7 to use those savings to further their mission to educate children more effectively.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
9 does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to
10 encourage and assist local school districts to enter into cooperative endeavor agreements for
11 the cooperative purchasing of products and services in order to save valuable education
12 dollars.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Carla S. Roberts.

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