

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 47

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREEMAN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the state Department of Education, to study the implementation of the provisions of Children's Code Article 603.1(B) relative to online training requirements pertaining to reporting child abuse and to submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than March 1, 2027.

WHEREAS, Children's Code Article 603 provides that the definition of "mandatory reporter" includes a "teaching or child care provider", which is defined as any person who provides or assists in the teaching, training, and supervision of a child, including any public or private teacher, teacher's aide, instructional aide, school principal, school staff member, bus driver, coach, professor, technical or vocational instructor, technical or vocational school staff member, college or university administrator, college or university staff member, social worker, an employee or an operator of an early learning center, an operator or employee of a registered family child day care home, a licensed or unlicensed day care provider, or any individual who provides these services to a child in a voluntary or professional capacity; and

WHEREAS, Children's Code Article 603.1(B) requires each teaching or child care provider to complete an online training course provided by the Department of Children and Family Services between June first and August thirty-first annually and requires that a record of completion of the course by the teaching or child care provider be provided to each entity at which he is employed; and

WHEREAS, Children's Code Article 603.1(B) further requires, no later than September thirtieth of each year and in a manner prescribed by the state Department of Education (DOE), each entity at which a teaching or child care provider is employed to submit a list to DOE of all teaching and child care providers employed by the entity and identify the employees that have complied with the training requirements and those employees that have not complied; additionally, the law requires DOE to publish the completion rates for each entity on its website; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been raised about the logistics of the implementation of these requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Children and Family Services, in consultation with the state Department of Education, to study the implementation of the provisions of Children's Code Article 603.1(B) relative to online training requirements pertaining to reporting child abuse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include the consideration of the option of offering the training in person so that it can be completed by a group of individuals assembling for the training and possibly streamlining the training so that it can be completed in a shorter period of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services shall consult with the state Department of Education which shall provide recommendations concerning how to maximize the efficiency of the reporting requirements, including but not limited to the feasibility of implementing a searchable database relative to training completion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services shall include in its report an estimation of any costs associated with any recommended changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Children and Family Services shall submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education no later than March 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services and the state superintendent of education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE