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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE FREIBERG

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to study options for public school systems facing declining enrollment and submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2027.

WHEREAS, it has been reported that there are public school systems throughout the state facing declining enrollment; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment in public schools has been attributed to various factors, including declining birth rates, the movement of families out of state, and enrollment in nonpublic schools and home study programs; and

WHEREAS, declining enrollment can lead to budget cuts, school closures, and the loss of jobs and programs; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Louisiana plan ahead in terms of addressing how declining enrollment may affect the state's education landscape in the coming years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to study options for public school systems facing declining enrollment and submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include, at a minimum, how public school systems can modify their operations in response to declining enrollment in order to provide the best possible educational outcomes for their students and any state-level action that should be taken to support school systems facing these challenges.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE