

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study and encourage the presence of chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) in schools throughout the state and to submit a written report of findings, conclusions, and progress to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, SADD, which was founded in 1981 as Students Against Drunk Driving, began with the simple philosophy that young people, empowered to help each other, are the most effective force in the prevention of harmful behavior; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, SADD expanded its mission and changed its name to Students Against Destructive Decisions, and today it is the nation's preeminent peer-to-peer youth education and prevention organization with thousands of chapters in middle schools, high schools, and colleges; and

WHEREAS, with this expanded focus, SADD now focuses on prevention of all destructive behaviors and attitudes that are harmful to young people, including underage drinking, substance abuse, impaired driving, violence, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, SADD's unique approach facilitates young people's delivery of education and prevention messages to their peers through school and community activities and campaigns responsive to the needs of their particular locations; and

WHEREAS, as a youth prevention program that begins with and evolves from efforts on the local level, SADD's programs are designed to be age appropriate, culturally appropriate, and cost effective; and

WHEREAS, with the many challenges that Louisiana's young people face today, it would be beneficial to study and encourage the presence of chapters of SADD in schools throughout the state as a means of empowering young people to lead education and prevention initiatives in their schools and communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study and encourage the presence of chapters of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) in schools throughout the state and to submit, in compliance with R.S. 24:771 and 772, a written report of its findings, conclusions, and progress to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE