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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 128

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BESE: Requests that the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education study issues related to allowing students to carry a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device at school

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study issues
3	related to the possession by students of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking
4	devices at school and on school buses and to submit a report of its findings and
5	conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation, to the House Committee
6	on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than 60 days prior to
7	the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature.
8	WHEREAS, as stated in the Constitution of Louisiana, it is the goal of the public
9	educational system to provide learning environments and experiences at all stages of human
10	development that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that every
11	individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential; and
12	WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:239, prohibits students, unless authorized by the
13	school principal or his designee, from using or operating any electronic telecommunication
14	device in public school buildings, on school grounds, and on school buses; and
15	WHEREAS, some parents have expressed concern over this prohibition in light of
16	their desire to have their children carry a Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device
17	while at school and riding on the school bus; and
18	WHEREAS, devices using GPS technology allow parents to track the location of
19	their children throughout the school day and while they are being transported to and from
20	school, and some school systems are not allowing students to possess these devices at school
21	because of the prohibition in current law against students' use and operation of
22	telecommunication devices at school and on school buses; and

1 WHEREAS, many parents feel it is their right to determine whether or not their 2 children should be allowed to carry such devices at school and on the school bus; and 3 WHEREAS, student safety should be an utmost priority for the governing authority 4 of every public school and for the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and 5 every reasonable precaution must be taken to ensure the protection of Louisiana's students; 6 and 7 WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every 8 student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential, it is appropriate that issues 9 relative to students' possession of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking devices at 10 school and on school buses receive a thorough study so that determinations can be made as 11 to how the state can best provide experiences and opportunities to all students that protect 12 their safety and well-being and help them succeed in all aspects of life. 13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 14 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study issues 15 related to the possession by students of Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking devices 16 at school and on school buses and to submit a report of its findings and conclusions, 17 including any recommendations for legislation, to the House Committee on Education and 18 the Senate Committee on Education not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2014 19 Regular Session of the Legislature. 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted 21 to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state 22 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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