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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 65

BY SENATOR CROWE

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Requests the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural Development to study increasing the per pupil amount spent on vocational agriculture, agribusiness, and agriscience programs in Louisiana.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural
3 Development to study increasing the per pupil amount spent on vocational
4 agriculture, agribusiness, and agriscience programs in Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:181 provides that effective with the 1997-1998 school year and
6 thereafter, the governing authority of each public secondary school shall allocate annually
7 to each secondary school in the school system, in addition to any other funding, not less than
8 fifty dollars per student enrolled at the school in a vocational agriculture, agribusiness, or
9 agriscience program for use in providing adequate instructional materials and supplies for
10 such students; and

11 WHEREAS, last year, according to the Louisiana State University Agricultural
12 Center, Louisiana's farmers and ranchers generated over eleven billion dollars in income,
13 which is a Louisiana record; and

14 WHEREAS, agricultural and agribusiness education is essential for the continued
15 development of this important business sector of Louisiana's economy; and

16 WHEREAS, over fifteen years have passed since Louisiana increased the minimum
17 amount the governing authority of each public secondary school allocates for each pupil
18 enrolled in a vocational agriculture, agribusiness, or agriscience program.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
2 does hereby urge and request the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture
3 and Rural Development to study increasing the per pupil amount spent on vocational
4 agriculture, agribusiness, and agriscience programs in Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
6 chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture and Rural
7 Development and the state superintendent of education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Curry Johnson.

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