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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR MORRELL

EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY. Creates the Local Schools Commission of Orleans to study the feasibility of returning control of all Recovery Schools District schools located in Orleans Parish back to the Orleans Parish School Board.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To create the Local Schools Commission of Orleans to study the feasibility of returning
3	control of all Recovery School District schools located in Orleans Parish back to the
4	Orleans Parish School Board.
5	WHEREAS, following Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana Legislature deemed it
6	necessary to expand the Recovery School District for the purpose of addressing the
7	educational needs of the children of New Orleans; and
8	WHEREAS, the passage of time has shown that the Recovery School District's
9	purpose as an interim entity to assist in the recovery process after Hurricane Katrina has
10	been adequately served; and
11	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution established the Orleans Parish School Board
12	as the legal authority for administration of the schools for which it is responsible; and
13	WHEREAS, as Orleans Parish school system is the only fully decentralized school
14	system in the state, it is reasonable and necessary for a comprehensive examination of the
15	unique policy and structural changes required to support the return of the schools from under
16	the auspices of the Recovery School District to the authority and management of the Orleans
17	Parish School Board; and
18	WHEREAS, the Orleans Public Education Network (OPEN) has conducted the most

1	extensive and inclusive review of structuring school governance and included different				
2	design models and engaged New Orleans residents and has framed a set of recommendations				
3	for building a unified school district.				
4	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby				
5	create the Local Schools Commission of Orleans to study the feasibility of returning control				
6	of all Recovery School District schools located in Orleans Parish back to the Orleans Parish				
7	School Board.				
8	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission created herein shall consist of				
9	the following members:				
10	(1)	One member of the Senate who is domiciled in Orleans Parish, appointed by			
11		the president.			
12	(2)	One member of the House of Representatives who is domiciled in Orleans			
13		Parish, appointed by the speaker.			
14	(3)	The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or			
15		his designee.			
16	(4)	The president of the Orleans Parish School Board, or his designee.			
17	(5)	The state superintendent of education, or his designee.			
18	(6)	The superintendent of the Recovery School District, or his designee.			
19	(7)	The superintendent of the Orleans Parish School Board, or his designee.			
20	(8)	The executive director of the Louisiana Public Charter School Association,			
21		or his designee.			
22	(9)	The chief executive officer of the Choice Foundation, or his designee.			
23	(10)	The chief executive officer of the Algiers Charter School Association, or his			
24		designee.			
25	(11)	The chief executive officer of KIPP New Orleans, or his designee.			
26	(12)	The executive director of the Orleans Public Education Network, or his			
27		designee.			
28	(13)	One representative from a single school charter operator chosen from two			
29		names submitted by the president of the Orleans Parish School Board and			
30		appointed by the executive director of the Orleans Public Education			

1		Network.
2	(14)	One representative from a single school charter operator chosen from two
3		names submitted by the president of the State Board of Elementary and
4		Secondary Education and appointed by the executive director of the Orleans
5		Public Education Network.
6	(15)	The president of the East Bank Collaborative of Charter Schools, or his
7		designee.
8	(16)	The mayor of the city of New Orleans, or his designee, shall serve as a non-
9		voting ex officio member.
10	(17)	The chair of the New Orleans City Council Committee on Health, Education,
11		and Social Services, or his designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex officio
12		member.
13	ве п	FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission study shall include an
14	examination a	and analysis concerning the following:
15	(1)	The feasibility of returning all Recovery School District schools located in
16		Orleans Parish to the management of the Orleans Parish School Board.
17	(2)	The optimal governance structure for defining the relationship between the
18		Orleans Parish School Board and the local charter schools located within
19		Orleans Parish.
20	(3)	Include a "Planning and Implementation Report And Transition Plan" to
21		accomplish this task in an efficacious and dutiful manner to the benefit of the
22		public school children of New Orleans by November 1, 2014.
23	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the commission shall serve
24	without comp	ensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which they may be
25	entitled as me	embers of their constituent organizations.
26	BE I	T FURTHER RESOLVED that a majority of the total membership shall
27	constitute a qu	norum of the commission, and that any official action by the commission shall
28	require an aff	irmative vote of a majority of the quorum present and voting.
29	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the executive director of the Orleans Public

Education Network, or his designee, shall serve as chair of the commission.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Orleans Public Education Network shall provide administrative support for the commission in collaboration and cooperation with the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Recovery School District, and the Orleans Parish School Board.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission may conduct public meetings at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise its powers fully and effectively, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this Resolution, and may receive at such public meetings testimony and other evidence relative to any of the subjects of the study enumerated in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall issue a report of its findings to the legislature and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education no later than February 1, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the state superintendent of education, the superintendent of the Orleans Parish School Board, and the superintendent of the Recovery School District.

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

DIGEST

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- (3) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or his designee.
- (4) The president of the Orleans Parish School Board, or his designee.
- (5) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.
- (6) The superintendent of the Recovery School District, or his designee.

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- **(7)** The superintendent of the Orleans Parish School Board, or his designee.
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- (10)The chief executive officer of the Algiers Charter School Association, or his designee.
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- (14) One representative from a single school charter operator chosen from two names submitted by the president of BESE and appointed by the executive director of the Orleans Public Education Network.
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