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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 114

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BESE: Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule relative to student lunch time

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule
3 relative to requirements with respect to student lunch time.

4 WHEREAS, meals provided at public schools serve to meet the nutritional needs of
5 students; and

6 WHEREAS, proper nutrition for students leads to better health outcomes and higher
7 levels of academic achievement; and

8 WHEREAS, proper nutrition requires that students have enough seated lunch time
9 during the lunch period to fully consume their food; and

10 WHEREAS, the presence of state mandated assessments may encourage teachers and
11 administrators to curtail the length of the student lunch period in order to produce better
12 educational outcomes.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby urges
14 and requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt a rule to read
15 substantively as follows: "Each local education agency shall provide no less than twenty
16 minutes of time for students to be seated and consume their food. The twenty minutes of
17 seated lunch time shall be separate from the time required for students to navigate from the
18 classroom to the lunch room, stand in line to receive the lunch meal, and to return to the
19 classroom after lunch has been consumed."

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
2 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state
3 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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