Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE PIERRE

SCHOOLS/CHARTER: Requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education study issues relative to the transportation of students attending charter schools

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in
3	collaboration with the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the
4	Louisiana School Boards Association, and the Louisiana Association of Public
5	Charter Schools, to study and explore all options for providing free transportation to
6	students attending charter schools and to submit a written report of its findings and
7	recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee
8	on Education.
9	WHEREAS, though the number of charter schools in this state is increasing, many
10	students who wish to take advantage of these types of learning venues are being denied this
11	chance because of a lack of transportation; and
12	WHEREAS, in some cases, students are not able to attend due to parents' job
13	situations and having no means of transportation; and
14	WHEREAS, many students who want to attend charter schools are from families who
15	cannot afford the cost of transportation to these schools; and
16	WHEREAS, in some areas of the state, students are being provided free
17	transportation to charter schools; and
18	WHEREAS, state law, R.S. 17:158, requires public school boards to provide free
19	transportation to all students attending school in the parish who live more than one mile from
20	school; and

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WHEREAS, charter schools in Louisiana are public schools and receive public funds 2 to operate; and

3 WHEREAS, it is the duty and responsibility of the state to provide a quality 4 education for all of its children and to take all steps necessary to ensure that every student who wishes to attend a charter school is given ample opportunity to attend by developing 5 innovative transportation solutions that provide options for students wishing to attend such 6 7 schools.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 9 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, in collaboration 10 with the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the Louisiana School Boards 11 Association, and the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools, to study and explore 12 all options for providing free transportation to students attending charter schools and to 13 submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the House Committee on 14 Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than sixty days prior to the 15 convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting such study, the State Board of 17 Elementary and Secondary Education shall consider including the costs of providing such 18 transportation in the minimum foundation program formula proposed for the 2015-2016 19 school year.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the 21 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the presiding 22 officers of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents, the Louisiana School 23 Boards Association, and the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools.

DIGEST

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