



1           WHEREAS, the My Brother's Keeper Task Force has been established by the  
2 president for the purpose of developing a coordinated federal effort to improve significantly  
3 the expected life outcomes for boys and young men of color and their contributions to the  
4 nation's prosperity; and

5           WHEREAS, the task force has been directed to focus on the following issues with  
6 respect to education, among others: access to early childhood supports, grade school  
7 literacy, and pathways to college and a career, including issues arising from school  
8 disciplinary action; and

9           WHEREAS, in order to fulfill the state's constitutional duty of affording every  
10 student an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential, it is appropriate that the State  
11 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education monitor the findings and recommendations  
12 of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force with respect to elementary and secondary education  
13 and evaluate how they may be applied in Louisiana in order to improve the welfare of boys  
14 and young men of color in this state.

15           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
16 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby express support for the My Brother's Keeper initiative  
17 and does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education  
18 (BESE) to monitor the findings and recommendations of the My Brother's Keeper Task  
19 Force as they pertain to elementary and secondary education.

20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
21 and request BESE to focus specifically on the task force's findings and recommendations  
22 with respect to education issues including the following:

- 23           (1) Access to early childhood supports.  
24           (2) Grade school literacy.  
25           (3) Pathways to college and a career, including issues arising from school  
26 disciplinary action.

27           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
28 and request BESE to submit a written report to the House Committee on Education relative  
29 to the task force's findings and recommendations pertaining to elementary and secondary  
30 education and their potential application in Louisiana, including any recommendations for

1 related legislation, not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of the 2015 Regular Session  
2 of the Legislature.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
4 president of the United States, the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary  
5 Education, and the state superintendent of education.

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#### DIGEST

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Expresses support for the My Brother's Keeper initiative and requests that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) do the following:

- (1) Monitor the findings and recommendations of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force as they pertain to elementary and secondary education.
- (2) Focus specifically on the task force's findings and recommendations with respect to education issues that include access to early childhood supports, grade school literacy, and pathways to college and a career, including issues arising from school disciplinary action.
- (3) Submit a written report to the House Committee on Education relative to the task force's findings and recommendations and their potential application in La., including any recommendations for legislation, by 60 days prior to the 2015 R.S.