

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 95

BY SENATOR HEITMEIER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Education to conduct a survey on any barriers that prevent schools and governing entities from entering into joint-use agreements and issue a report with a plan to promote such agreements.

WHEREAS, joint-use agreements are formal contracts between local governing entities and school districts that allow for joint-use of properties and facilities; and

WHEREAS, examples of joint-use agreements include opening school basketball courts for public use after school hours, allowing school sports teams to use city-owned recreation centers, or letting an intramural team host games on school property; and

WHEREAS, potential benefits of joint-use agreements for schools, governing entities, community organizations, and neighborhood residents include increases in opportunities to be physically active, cost-sharing of school or government property and promotion of social cohesion and neighborhood engagement; and

WHEREAS, during the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature, the legislature enacted Act 351, which limited the liability of schools and governmental entities that enter into joint-use agreements; and

WHEREAS, despite the passage of Act 351, a vast majority of schools still have not utilized joint-use agreements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Education to conduct a survey on the number of joint-use agreements in place in the state and the barriers that prevent schools and governing entities from entering into joint-use agreements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall issue a report that includes a strategic plan to promote and facilitate joint-use agreements across the state to the Legislature and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education no later than February 1, 2015.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES