

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE BARROW

A RESOLUTION

To request the House Committee on Education to study the issues raised by legislation proposed during this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature and prior sessions relative to school systems that serve more than fifteen thousand public school students and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, legislation being considered during the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature and legislation proposed in prior sessions has focused attention on the challenges facing large school systems in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, legislation proposed this session, which has claimed hours of consideration by the House Committee on Education, proposes substantial restructuring of certain large school systems; and

WHEREAS, these bills are not the only legislation considered this session that makes it clear that large school systems in the state are dealing with problems that should be addressed; and

WHEREAS, legislative discussions of such legislative proposals this session and related legislation in prior sessions has highlighted such issues as school boards' oversight and policy roles, superintendents' management roles and related powers and duties, and empowering principals to be school leaders by giving them more authority at the school level, but these discussions have also demonstrated that local school administrators and employees believe these issues are better addressed at the local level and they are taking steps to do so; and

WHEREAS, legislation proposed this session and in prior sessions has demonstrated that there is a need for the legislature to seek solutions to major concerns of local school systems, but to do so after examining these concerns in detail and after receiving extensive information about these matters from large school systems in the state, together with the recommendations of national experts and suggestions and recommendations from educators in the state.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby request the House Committee on Education to study the issues raised by legislation proposed during this 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature and prior sessions relative to school systems that serve more than fifteen thousand public school students and to report study findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Representative Steve Carter, chairman of the House Committee on Education.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES