

2015 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34

BY SENATORS HEITMEIER, CROWE, MORRELL, NEVERS AND PETERSON AND REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD, WESLEY BISHOP, LEGER, MORENO AND ORTEGO

HEALTH CARE. Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative to work together to develop a plan to implement the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model developed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education,  
3 the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child  
4 Initiative to work together to develop a plan to implement the Whole School, Whole  
5 Community, Whole Child model developed by the United States Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention.

7 WHEREAS, Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) is a  
8 collaborative approach to learning and health developed by the United States Centers for  
9 Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

10 WHEREAS, establishing healthy behaviors during childhood is easier and more  
11 effective than trying to change unhealthy behaviors during adulthood; and

12 WHEREAS, research shows a link between the health outcomes of young people and  
13 their academic success; and

14 WHEREAS, since 1987, CDC's coordinated school health approach has been the  
15 blueprint for integrating health-promoting practices in schools, and coordinated school  
16 health programs have helped to establish policies and practices in states, districts, and  
17 schools across the nation and will see continued success with the expanded WSCC model;  
18 and

1           WHEREAS, the WSCC model includes ten components: health education; nutrition  
2           environment and services; employee wellness; social and emotional school climate; physical  
3           environment; health services; counseling, psychological, and social services; community  
4           involvement; family engagement; and physical education and physical activity; and

5           WHEREAS, the WSCC model meets the needs for greater emphasis on both the  
6           psychological and physical environments as well as the ever-increasing and growing roles  
7           that community agencies and families must play.

8           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
9           urge and request the Department of Health and Hospitals, the Department of Education, the  
10          Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of the Whole Child Initiative to  
11          work together to develop a plan to implement the WSCC model developed by the United  
12          States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

13          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals host the  
14          Department of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, and representatives of  
15          the Whole Child Initiative in the development of the plan by providing meeting space,  
16          calling the meetings, and staffing the meetings called to prepare the plan to be submitted to  
17          the legislature.

18          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals be  
19          responsible for preparing and delivering the plan to the legislature.

20          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health and Hospitals call the  
21          first meeting no later than September 1, 2015.

22          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the legislature no later  
23          than January 15, 2016.

24          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
25          secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals, the superintendent of the Department  
26          of Education, the Medicaid managed care organizations, the Cecil J. Picard Center for Child  
27          Development and Lifelong Learning, the Childhood and Family Learning Foundation, the  
28          Louisiana Public Health Institute, and the United Way of Southeast Louisiana.

