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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 80

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LIBRARIES: Establishes the Virtual Library Study Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide virtual library

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To establish the Virtual Library Study Commission to conduct a study regarding the		
3	development of a statewide virtual library and to submit a written report of findings		
4	and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate		
5	Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2017.		
6	WHEREAS, a number of states in the United States have established statewide		
7	virtual libraries composed of high-quality electronic resources and online services; and		
8	WHEREAS, public libraries, elementary and secondary school libraries, and the		
9	academic libraries of postsecondary education institutions have some resources available		
10	online, but not all resources are available to all groups nor to all parishes in the state, thus		
11	creating an inequality of opportunity; and		
12	WHEREAS, the availability of greater educational resources online provides the		
13	opportunity to lower costs for students and the public in purchasing educational materials		
14	and		
15	WHEREAS, many college students face textbook costs in excess of one thousand		
16	dollars per year, making education less affordable; open educational resources, representing		
17	the development of shared online accessible textbook collections, can bring educational costs		
18	down considerably while making efficient use of tax dollars; and		
19	WHEREAS, a robust statewide virtual library would provide the opportunity for all		
20	Louisiana residents to access reliable online resources and allow research to be more than		
21	simply a web search of sources with unknown reliability; and		

1	THER	EFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby	
2	establish the	Virtual Library Study Commission to conduct a study and make	
3	recommendations regarding the establishment of a statewide virtual library in Louisiana.		
4	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall have the following	
5	members:		
6	(1)	The chairman of the House Committee on Education or her designee.	
7	(2)	The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or his designee.	
8	(3)	The state superintendent of education or his designee.	
9	(4)	The commissioner of higher education or his designee.	
10	(5)	The governor or his designee.	
11	(6)	The lieutenant governor or his designee.	
12	(7)	One member of the Louisiana Library Association selected by the president	
13		of the association.	
14	(8)	One member of the Louisiana Association of School Librarians selected by	
15		the president of the association.	
16	(9)	The state librarian or his designee.	
17	(10)	The executive director of LOUIS: The Louisiana Library Network or his	
18		designee.	
19	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall meet as necessary and	
20	submit a writt	ten report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for	
21	legislation relative to establishing a statewide virtual library, to the House Committee on		
22	Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than March 1, 2017.		
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the lieutenant governor or his designee shall be		
24	responsible for designating staff to assist the commission in performing its duties and, by		
25	August 1, 2016, convening the commission for its first meeting, at which the commission		
26	shall adopt rules of procedure, a work schedule, and any additional measures that it deems		
27	necessary for the timely performance of its duties.		
28	BE IT	FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the commission shall serve without	
29	compensation.		

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall terminate on June 30,
- 2 2017.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
- 4 to the lieutenant governor, who shall be responsible for transmitting a copy to each person
- 5 who is to serve on the commission or designate someone to serve in his place and to the
- 6 president of each association from which commission members are being selected.

DIGEST

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Establishes the Virtual Library Study Commission to conduct a study and make recommendations regarding the development of a statewide virtual library. Provides that the commission shall have 10 members who shall serve without compensation:

- (1) Chairman of the House Committee on Education or her designee.
- (2) Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education or his designee.
- (3) State superintendent of education or his designee.
- (4) Commissioner of higher education or his designee.
- (5) Governor or his designee.
- (6) Lieutenant governor or his designee.
- (7) Member of the La. Library Assoc. selected by the association president.
- (8) Member of the La. Assoc. of School Librarians selected by the association president.
- (9) State librarian or his designee.
- (10) Executive director of LOUIS: The La. Library Network or his designee.

Provides that by March 1, 2017, the commission shall submit to the House and Senate education committees a written report of findings, conclusions, and any recommendations for legislation relative to establishing a statewide virtual library. Provides that the lieutenant governor or his designee shall designate staff to assist the commission and shall convene the first meeting by Aug. 1, 2016. Provides for commission termination on June 30, 2017.