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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, BI	E IT RI	ESOLV	ED that the Le	egislature of	Louisian	a does l	hereby
2	establish the	Virtual L	Library	Study	Commission	to conduc	t a stud	y and	make
3	recommendati	tions regarding the establishment of a statewide virtual library in Louisiana.							
4	BE IT	FURTHE	R RES	OLVED	that the con	nmission sh	all have	the foll	owing
5	members:								
6	(1)	The chairn	nan of t	he Hou	se Committee	on Educatio	n or her d	esignee	
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 comm	issione	r of hig	her education of	or his design	iee.		
10	(5)	The govern	nor or h	is desig	gnee.				
11	(6)	The lieuter	nant go	vernor (or his designee				
12	(7)	One memb	oer of th	ne Louis	siana Library A	association s	elected by	the pre	sident
13		of the asso	ciation						
14	(8)	One memb	oer of th	ne Louis	siana Associati	on of Schoo	ol Libraria	ns selec	ted by
15		the preside	ent of th	ne assoc	iation.				
16	(9)	The state 1	ibrariar	or his	designee.				
17	(10)	The execu	tive dir	ector o	f LOUIS: The	Louisiana	Library N	etwork	or his
18		designee.							
19	BE IT	FURTHER	RESC	LVED	that the comn	nission shall	meet as	necessa	ry and
20	submit a writt	en report o	f findin	igs and	conclusions, i	ncluding an	y recomm	nendatio	ons 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 fo	r designatir	ng staff	to assis	t the commiss	ion in perfo	rming its	duties a	nd, by
25	August 1, 201	6, convenin	ng the c	ommiss	sion for its first	t meeting, a	which the	e comm	nission
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	BEIT	FURTHER	RESOI	LVED tl	hat members of	f the commis	ssion shall	serve w	ithout
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.