

## 2009 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature

The Louisiana Legislature convened at noon on April 27, 2009 for its regular session. Listed below are summaries of education related resolutions that will be considered this session. Please refer to [www.legis.state.la.us](http://www.legis.state.la.us) for more information.

### House Resolutions

#### **House Resolution No. 1**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Kay Kellogg Katz

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests the Department of Health and Hospitals to study the feasibility of requiring the placement of automated external defibrillators in schools.

#### **House Resolution No. 69**

**Date Filed:** 6/4/2009

**Who:** Representative Rickey Hardy

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests the Louisiana High School Athletic Association to vote favorably to raise the minimum GPA requirement for student athletes.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 2**

**Date Filed:** 3/13/2009

**Who:** Representatives Austin J. Badon (Primary Author)

**Status:** Assigned to House Appropriations

**Summary:** This resolution invokes the Clyburn Amendment of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that would secure federal stimulus monies not otherwise accepted by the Governor.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 33**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Walt Leger, III

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to study charter school use of city, parish and other local public school system-owned facilities.

#### **House Concurrent Resolution No. 37**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests city, parish and other local public school boards to include student representation on their boards in an advisory, nonvoting capacity.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 41**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representatives Jane H. Smith (Primary Author)

**Status:** Assigned to House Education

**Summary:** This resolution requests the Louisiana School Board Association to make available to members of public school boards copies of current law relative to reviewing a person's criminal history prior to hiring.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 45**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representatives Thomas P. Willmott

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests nonpublic schools with grades ten and twelve to provide students enrolled in such grades at least thirty minutes of classroom instruction pertaining to the Safe Haven Law.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 46**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Thomas P. Willmott

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests the governing authority of each public and state-approved nonpublic school to incorporate exercises from the Prevent Injury and Enhance Performance program (PEP) into physical education classes and athletic training programs.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 53**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Nita Rusich Hutter

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to develop and implement an age-appropriate unit on hurricane awareness for students in each grade in all local public school systems.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 54**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Hutter

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests the Louisiana Department of Education to compile statistics relative to where public school teachers certified in the past 10 years received degrees and report to education committees.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 68**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Herbert B. Dixon

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study standards it uses to approve alternative education programs as such standards relate to providing sufficient counseling services and security.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 87**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Patricia Haynes Smith

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution commends the East Baton Rouge Parish School System upon being recommended for AdvancED district accreditation.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 112**

**Date Filed:** 5/12/2009

**Who:** Representative Hollis Downs

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests local public school boards to convene public meetings at least twice each year with the appropriate local law enforcement authorities and school personnel to discuss and report on issues relative to school attendance and behavioral problems of students and to formulate local annual action plans to improve student behavior and school attendance.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 131**

**Date Filed:** 5/20/2009

**Who:** Representative Patricia Smith

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to develop and adopt policies relative to options and strategies for schools in danger of state takeover.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 149**

**Date Filed:** 5/26/2009

**Who:** Representative Damon Baldone

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests each public school governing authority to develop and implement a comprehensive anti-harassment, intimidation, and bullying program.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 151**

**Date Filed:** 5/26/2009

**Who:** Representative Patricia Smith

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to study the feasibility of returning certain schools transferred to the Recovery School District (RSD) to the local school systems from which they were transferred under certain circumstances.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 164**

**Date Filed:** 5/27/2009

**Who:** Representative Patricia Smith

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to conduct an in-depth study of the financial burden on local school systems imposed by rising costs of providing retiree health care benefits and to recommend a solution.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 165**

**Date Filed:** 5/28/2009

**Who:** Representative Herbert Dixon

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to implement a policy to provide for an alternate method of assessing the overall performances of alternative schools.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 168**

**Date Filed:** 5/28/2009

**Who:** Representative Walt Leger

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to create a task force to study issues relative to charter school funding.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 177**

**Date Filed:** 6/1/2009

**Who:** Representative Charmaine Marchand Stiaes

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests public school boards and superintendents to dedicate federal stimulus dollars to low performing schools.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 192**

**Date Filed:** 6/1/2009

**Who:** Representative Thomas G. Carmody, Jr.

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study all issues relative to advertising on school buses.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 193**

**Date Filed:** 6/1/2009

**Who:** Representative Austin J. Badon, Jr.

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE, in consultation with the La. School Boards Association and the La. Association of Public Charter Schools, to conduct a comprehensive study and review of the charter school law.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 194**

**Date Filed:** 6/8/2009

**Who:** Representative Frank A. Hoffmann

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study issues related to LEAP with respect to special education students, students with disabilities, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) students.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 204**

**Date Filed:** 6/15/2009

**Who:** Representative James R. "Jim" Fannin

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to conduct a ten-year study of graduation rates in Louisiana based on a grades seven through twelve cohort of students and report annually.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 211**

**Date Filed:** 6/15/2009

**Who:** Representative Rosalind D. Jones

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to adopt a policy requiring certain schools to extend the school day.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 213**

**Date Filed:** 6/15/2009

**Who:** Representative Rickey Hardy

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study implementing a uniform grading scale in all public schools.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 217**

**Date Filed:** 6/15/2009

**Who:** Representative Frank A. Hoffman

**Status:** Assigned to House Education

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to revise the LEAP testing schedule to provide for the administration of the LEAP tests at the end of the school year.

**House Concurrent Resolution No. 223**

**Date Filed:** 6/18/2009

**Who:** Representative Rosalind D. Jones

**Status:** Adopted by the House; Adopted by the Senate

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study developing policies and procedures for revoking teaching certificates for allegations of sexual misconduct with students.

**Senate Resolutions**

**Senate Resolution No. 47**

**Date Filed:** 5/26/2009

**Who:** Senator Cheryl Gray Evans

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution urges and requests the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a student loan repayment program for certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists who are employed in Louisiana's city, parish, and other local public schools.

**Senate Resolution No. 48**

**Date Filed:** 5/26/2009

**Who:** Senator Cheryl Gray Evans

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution urges and requests the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a student loan repayment program for certain school social workers who are employed in Louisiana's city, parish, and other local public schools.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 9**

**Date Filed:** 4/27/2009

**Who:** Senator Ben W. Nevers

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution requests city, parish, and other local public school boards to include student representation to such local boards in an advisory, non-voting capacity.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13**

**Date Filed:** 4/28/2009

**Who:** Senator Sharon Weston Broome

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution requests Southern University to establish a plan and recommend policies that support university-private sector partnerships in renewable energy.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17**

**Date Filed:** 5/4/2009

**Who:** Senator Ben Nevers

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution provides for legislative approval of the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula for FY 2009-2010 as adopted by BESE on March 12, 2009.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26**

**Date Filed:** 5/5/2009

**Who:** Senator Sharon Broome

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Voluntarily deferred in House Education on 6/2/2009

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to ensure that a comprehensive study is conducted to determine a base per pupil expenditure that is equitable and adequate to provide the quality of education necessary for all students to meet the state's academic standards and testing requirements.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27**

**Date Filed:** 5/5/2009

**Who:** Senator Ben Nevers

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution requests the High School Redesign Commission to study the feasibility of establishing a statewide uniform grading scale for use in all public high schools.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 48**

**Date Filed:** 5/13/2009

**Who:** Senator Sharon Weston Broome

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution creates the Southern University Center for Equitable Development Task Force to study and develop statewide recommendations for local strategies and initiatives to meet the needs of economically depressed communities across the state.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67**

**Date Filed:** 5/19/2009

**Who:** Senator Ann D. Duplessis

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution requests BESE to study criteria for considering the renewal of the charter of a failing charter school.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68**

**Date Filed:** 5/19/2009

**Who:** Senator Robert Adley

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Adopted by the House

**Summary:** This resolution requests the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission to study the feasibility of weighting grades earned in honors and other advanced courses when calculating grade point averages to determine TOPS eligibility.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 83**

**Date Filed:** 6/1/2009

**Who:** Senator Anne Duplessis

**Status:** Adopted by the Senate; Reported favorably by House Education

**Summary:** This resolution urges and requests BESE to adopt a policy relative to appropriate and acceptable administrative overhead costs for which fees may be charged to a charter school by the chartering authority.

**Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 111**

**Date Filed:** 6/9/2009

**Who:** Senator Ben Nevers

**Status:** Adopted by the Louisiana Legislature; Filed with the Secretary of State

**Summary:** This resolution requests local school boards and superintendents to encourage the schools under their jurisdiction and administration to support the creation and ongoing activities of Parent-Teacher Association units.