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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 125

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOFFMANN

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT: Requests BESE to revise the LEAP testing schedule to provide for the administration of the tests at the end of the school year

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise the
3	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program testing schedule to provide for the
4	administration of the tests required pursuant to the program as close to the end of the
5	school year as practically possible and to report to the House Committee on
6	Education and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the 2012 Regular Session
7	of the Legislature.
8	WHEREAS, current law, R.S. 17:24.4, provides for the implementation of the
9	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) by the state Department of Education,
10	with the approval of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education; and
11	WHEREAS, the program specifies certain types of tests to be administered to public
12	school students in certain grades and includes the iLEAP tests; and
13	WHEREAS, for the first several years of implementation of these LEAP test
14	requirements, the tests generally were administered each year prior to the middle of March;
15	and
16	WHEREAS, in response to requests from the legislature and concerns from teachers,
17	parents, and others, the state board has revised the LEAP testing schedule in recent years to
18	provide for the administration of the tests later in the school year, in early-to-mid April; and
19	WHEREAS, in furtherance of these efforts, moving the test administration time even
20	closer to the end of the school year in May of each year would allow for more instructional

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time prior to testing and less time between such testing and the end of a school year, during 2 which time students sometimes lose focus; and 3 WHEREAS, the legislature enacted House Bill No. 1033 (Act No. 54) in the 2010 4 Regular Session which requires performance evaluation at every level of K-12 education to 5 be based on student growth and take into account starting points and other variables that 6 might influence actual performance outcomes; and 7 WHEREAS, a major component of this important legislation provides for the 8 development of a value-added measure applicable to teachers of grades and subjects that are 9 part of the LEAP test requirements; and 10 WHEREAS, successful implementation of the provisions of Act No. 54 is essential 11 to the continued recognition of Louisiana as a national leader in its use of value-added 12 performance measures; and 13 WHEREAS, moving the LEAP testing periods closer to the end of the school year 14 will allow more time for students to receive instruction and prepare for the tests which in 15 turn will help achieve successful outcomes for the students, the value-added program, and 16 ultimately, for the state as well. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 18 urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise the 19 Louisiana Educational Assessment Program testing schedule to provide for the 20 administration of the tests required pursuant to the program in May of each year as close to 21 the end of the school year as practically possible and to submit a written report to the House 22 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education prior to the beginning of 23 the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature on the status of any actions taken relative to 24 such schedule change. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in revising the LEAP testing schedule, the board 26 shall take into consideration the amount of time necessary to receive the test scores, 27 determine which students will need remediation based upon the results of such test scores, 28 and then provide the required summer school remediation programs to such students. 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

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1 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the state

2 superintendent of education.

DIGEST

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Requests the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to revise the LEAP testing schedule to provide for the administration of the tests in May of each year as close to the end of the school year as practically possible and to submit a written report to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2012 R.S. on the status of any actions taken relative to such schedule change. Provides that in revising the LEAP testing schedule, the board shall take into consideration the amount of time necessary to receive the test scores, determine which students will need remediation based upon the results of such test scores, and then provide the required summer school remediation programs to such students.