

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 146

BY SENATOR PETERSON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to conduct a survey or study to determine school compliance with the state law regarding vending machines in schools and the requirement of thirty minutes of physical activity in the public schools.

WHEREAS, the rate of obesity for children has significantly increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, obesity increases the child's risk of numerous health problems and can create emotional and social problems; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture relates childhood obesity, in part, to poor nutritional resources available to children which have little or no nutritional value; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of physical activity as well as consumption of snacks having higher nutritional value during the school day will assist in combating this problem of obesity and changing the attitudes and behavior of students of the health benefits derived from participation in physical activity and consumption of more highly nutritious snacks; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:17.1 requires thirty minutes of daily physical activity in public schools and R.S. 17:197.1 limits the sale of certain beverages and foods in public elementary and secondary schools during specified time periods; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 17:17.1 and R.S. 17:197.1 having been the law for more than five years, it is appropriate that a study or survey be conducted to review compliance of our schools with these laws; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education are responsible for the healthy development of our children as they attend public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana

does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Education and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to conduct a survey or study to determine school compliance with state law regarding vending machines and the requirement for thirty minutes of physical activity each day in public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education and the members of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE