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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 167
BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to collect information relative to the use by city, parish, and other local public school boards of corporal punishment in public schools and to submit a written report of its findings to the House Committee on Education prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, current state law grants local public school boards discretion in the use of corporal punishment in public schools; and

WHEREAS, it requires that if a school board decides to authorize corporal punishment, it shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement and control its use; and

WHEREAS, state law does not require that school boards report any information relative to the use of corporal punishment in schools nor that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or the state Department of Education collect any information on or monitor the use of corporal punishment; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that students are protected from inadvertent injury and to assist in protecting school boards and school personnel from lawsuits, it is imperative that information regarding the use of corporal punishment be collected.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to collect information relative to the use by city, parish, and other local public school boards of corporal punishment in public schools and to submit a written report of its findings to the House Committee on Education prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such information shall include but not be limited to the following:

(1) Each incident of corporal punishment as documented in writing, including the name of the student; the time, date, and details of the disciplinary infraction; and the name of all teachers and other school employees who witnessed the student's misbehavior.

(2) A description of any prior behavioral supports that were provided to the student.

(3) The number of any prior behavioral supports provided for each incident of corporal punishment.

(4) The name of the individual who administered the corporal punishment and the name of any witness thereto, each of whom shall sign and date the required documentation.

(5) The findings of all investigations of employees accused of unauthorized corporal punishment involving students.

(6) A statistical analysis and comparison of all incidents of corporal punishment for each city, parish, or other local public school system.

(7) The number of incidents of corporal punishment administered to each student if more than one per student has occurred.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES