

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 217

BY REPRESENTATIVE FIRMENT

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Requests that the state Department of Education study the risks and benefits of allowing certain school employees to carry concealed firearms

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the state Department of Education to study the risks and benefits of  
3 allowing certain school employees to carry concealed firearms on school grounds  
4 and to report its findings, including recommendations for changes to state law, to the  
5 House of Representatives not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2023  
6 Regular Session of the Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, mass school shootings constitute a matter of grave concern for all  
8 Americans; protection of the health and safety of citizens, especially young and vulnerable  
9 citizens, is among any government's most solemn obligations, and mass school shootings are  
10 a tragic indicator that governance at many levels is not meeting this obligation; and

11 WHEREAS, the origins of the mass shooting phenomena are as complex as they are  
12 deeply embedded in social and cultural realities; no government, the Legislature of  
13 Louisiana included, should pursue a quick-fix policy such as attempting to impose  
14 unconstitutional restrictions on gun ownership rights; and

15 WHEREAS, among other policy issues, the state of Louisiana needs to seriously  
16 examine the causes of the deterioration of families, churches, social organizations, and other  
17 civic institutions, which deterioration leaves individuals without the human relationships and  
18 supports that help them withstand the barrage of destructive and violent messages from  
19 social media and other sources; and

20 WHEREAS, more immediately, the state of Louisiana needs to carefully consider  
21 whether current policies restricting the possession of guns in schools has the effect of leaving

1 school children in a more vulnerable position vis a vis persons intending to inflict suffering;  
2 the legislature has considered changes to such policies in the past and would benefit from  
3 expert analysis of the risks and benefits of exceptions to gun-free schools policies.

4       THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to  
6 study the risks and benefits of allowing certain school employees to carry concealed firearms  
7 on school grounds and to report its findings, including recommendations for changes to state  
8 law, to the House of Representatives not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the  
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