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**STATE SENATOR FIELDS WORKS TO ENSURE ALL HANDS-ON DECK WHEN IT COMES TO STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Senate Resolutions 38 and 39, authored by State Senator Cleo Fields, were approved by the full Louisiana State Senate earlier this week. In addition to the resolutions, an amendment to Representative Buddy Mincey's House Bill 59, offered by Senator Fields, was approved by the Senate today, June 29, 2020.

Senate Resolution 38 urges the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop a plan that will ensure that every student has access to online learning options for the 2020-2021 school year and Senate Resolution 39 requests BESE to adopt CDC aligned rules for school personnel at athletic activities held on school property during the 2020-2021 school year.

"It is vital that we are all doing our part to ensure all of our students have equal access to a safe and quality education," stated Senator Fields. "Student safety is of utmost importance and this is not the time for a hands-off approach. Everyone must do their part to protect the health of our students and that includes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education."

Senator Field's amendment to HB 59 requires BESE to adopt emergency rules to set a baseline level of student safety guidelines and provide all systems basic resources to ensure students are returning to a safe environment.

"We are all responsible for the safe and healthy return of our students to the classroom," said Senator Fields. "Today the Senate approved legislation that ensures all responsible parties are involved by requiring all public education systems in Louisiana, from university management boards to local school boards, to have CDC aligned guidelines in place to ensure that the environment our students return to is safe and healthy."

HB 59 now moves to the House for final concurrence. To view Senator Field's amendment to HB 59, SR 38 and 39, and Senator Field's other bills, please visit [www.legis.la.gov](http://www.legis.la.gov).

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