

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR BROWN AND REPRESENTATIVES TERRY LANDRY AND PRICE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to encourage each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their local area.

WHEREAS, by 2020, almost two-thirds of the nation's jobs and fifty-two percent of Louisiana's jobs will require a postsecondary credential; and

WHEREAS, only seventy-two percent of Louisiana's students graduate from high school on time and less than thirty percent of Louisiana's citizens hold an associate's degree or higher; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana employers continually cite a skills gap in our state's labor market; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that career and occupation choices are made as early as childhood and having knowledge of local high quality career and technical education programs has a positive impact on timely high school graduation and postsecondary educational choices; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's public school students must develop an individual graduation plan in the eighth grade to help guide their high school course choices, and knowledge of careers in demand in their local area will aid students in making such plans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to encourage each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their local area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES