

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 164

BY SENATOR BISHOP

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to meet jointly, in conjunction with the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, to develop a plan of action concerning the decline of buildings and facilities at Southern University campuses.

WHEREAS, the Southern University System is the only historically black university system in America, with an enrollment of more than fifteen thousand students throughout five campuses in Louisiana, students coming from forty-six states and from at least forty foreign countries; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University System has become one of the nation's rising stars in graduate and undergraduate level education through quality undergraduate, graduate, professional, and research programs among its five campuses; and

WHEREAS, Southern's infrastructure has apparently suffered, the school's appalling physical decline is a self-portrait of the systematic reduction in state funding to the Southern University System; and

WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the need to develop a plan of action with the assistance and input from the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, addressing the decline of buildings and facilities at Southern University campuses and improving those conditions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal Affairs to meet jointly, in conjunction with the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Southern University System, together with the presidents of all campuses, the law school, and Agricultural and Mechanical College, to develop a plan of action concerning the decline of buildings and facilities at Southern University campuses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committees shall submit the plan of action to the Senate no later than February 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of the Southern University System.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE