

SENATE BILL NO. 102

BY SENATOR JOHNS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1876, relative to the programs in the Louisiana Community and Technical
3 Colleges; to create the Louisiana Educational Workforce Training Fund; to provide
4 for the creation of a fund; to provide for purposes; to provide for sources of funding;
5 to provide for a private match; to provide for distribution of the fund; to provide for
6 the exclusion of certain funds; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:1876 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§1876. Louisiana Educational Workforce Training Fund; purpose; program**
11 **administration**

12 **A. There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special fund, the**
13 **"Louisiana Educational Workforce Training Fund", hereinafter referred to as**
14 **the "fund".**

15 **B.(1) The purpose of the fund shall be to provide funding for degree and**
16 **certificate production through workforce training programs offered by**
17 **Louisiana's public two-year, community, and technical colleges.**

18 **(2) The fund shall be used to prepare Louisiana citizens, particularly**
19 **those who are underemployed or have no postsecondary training or credentials,**

1 in high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand career fields.

2 C. After compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section 9(B)
3 of the Constitution of Louisiana relative to the Bond Security and Redemption
4 Fund, monies received from public or private grants, federal appropriation, or
5 state appropriation shall be deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be
6 invested in the same manner as monies in the general fund. Interest earned on
7 investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and
8 unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in
9 the fund, following compliance with the requirements of Article VII, Section
10 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

11 D.(1) Subject to an annual appropriation by the legislature, monies in the
12 fund shall be appropriated to the Board of Supervisors of Community and
13 Technical Colleges to be used for workforce training programs to prepare
14 individuals for high-demand careers as defined by the Louisiana Workforce
15 Investment Council. Distribution of the monies in the fund shall be based on an
16 outcome-based distribution model. The distribution model shall allocate funds
17 based on short-term, high-demand workforce training completer programs that
18 lead to industry-based certifications or other credentials of value to employers.

19 (2) Funding shall be distributed by the Board of Supervisors of
20 Community and Technical Colleges only upon receipt of certification that a
21 match of not less than twenty percent of the amount of funding to be distributed
22 has been guaranteed by a private entity. The certification shall detail the type
23 of private match to be provided, which may include but is not limited to: cash;
24 in-kind donations of technology, personnel, construction materials, facility
25 modification, or corporeal property; internships; scholarships; sponsorship of
26 staff or faculty; or faculty endowment.

27 (3) The use of private matching funds shall comply with expressed donor
28 intent. Any private matching funds shall remain with the institution as provided
29 for by the donor.

30 (4) Any funds distributed to an institution that remain unexpended or

1 unencumbered at the end of the fiscal year shall be available for use in the
2 subsequent fiscal year by the institution pursuant to its implementation plan.

3 E. The fund is in addition to, and separate from, any monies
4 appropriated or allocated to any postsecondary education management board.
5 Allocations from this fund shall not be included in the Board of Regents'
6 funding formula calculation, nor shall it supplant any state general fund
7 allocation provided to institutions. The availability of the fund shall not in any
8 way substitute, limit, or otherwise affect the allocation of any funds otherwise
9 available to those institutions under state or federal laws.

10 F. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section and pursuant to the
11 provisions of R.S. 23:34 and R.S. 23:1514, all federal-appropriated Workforce
12 Innovation and Opportunity Act funding shall be excluded from the Louisiana
13 Educational Workforce Training Fund and shall be exclusively administered by
14 the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

15 G. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section and pursuant to the
16 provisions of R.S. 23:1514, R.S. 23:1291.1, and R.S. 23:1377, all state-
17 appropriated Incumbent Working Training Account funds, workers'
18 compensation funds, and Workers' Compensation Second Injury Fund funds
19 shall be excluded from the Louisiana Educational Workforce Training Fund
20 and shall be exclusively administered by the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

21 H. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
22 shall, not less than sixty days before the legislature convenes for each regular
23 session, submit an annual report to the House Committee on Education and the
24 Senate Committee on Education. The report shall include, at a minimum,
25 information on any and all private matches provided for in Subsection D of this
26 Section, training programs funded, the number of students enrolled, the
27 number and type of credentials awarded, and the number and amount of
28 scholarships.

29 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
30 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
3 effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____