

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 authorize and direct the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council to study and report on
3 resources available and innovative ways to coordinate and rapidly deploy opportunities for
4 retraining and developing new skills for Louisiana workers who are unemployed because of
5 the COVID-19 crisis, all as further provided by this Resolution.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study and report shall include the following:

7 (1) Identification and evaluation of all funds and programs that might be applied to
8 this challenge including: Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funds, TOPS-Tech
9 awards, needs-based financial assistance available to students, Supplemental Nutrition
10 Assistance Program-Employment and Training funds, Strategies to Empower People funds
11 and programs, Rapid Response Workforce Training funds and programs, Louisiana
12 Economic Development Fast Start training programs, the Incumbent Worker Training
13 Program, and all relevant tax credits available to employers and workers; every effort shall
14 be made to present information on such programs in aggregate statewide data and data by
15 region with demographic indicators for the most recent year data is available, including but
16 not limited to the amount of public expenditures, the physical locations that serve the public,
17 the number of individuals served, the number of individuals who complete the programs, the
18 types of training and credentials received, and employment in the field after training.

19 (2) Ideas for better structural and programmatic coordination among state agencies
20 to facilitate connecting each dislocated worker with a package of training options that is
21 applicable to his or her situation and identification of policy and legal barriers to such
22 coordination.

23 (3) Strategies for quickly moving unemployed workers into training for available
24 jobs, including one-stop resources that unemployed workers could use to explore their
25 options and receive seamlessly integrated services, including both internet and regional
26 office-based resources.

27 (4) National best practices and new models for management, financing, and delivery
28 of workforce training programs.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council
30 shall solicit ideas, data, information, and suggestions from relevant state and local

1 government agencies, postsecondary education institutions that manage such programs, and
2 interested parties including employers, agency personnel, educators and trainers, economic
3 experts, economic development organizations, trade associations, labor organizations,
4 nonprofit organizations, and Louisiana workers who are looking for opportunities.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be submitted to the Legislature
6 of Louisiana in accordance with R.S. 24:772 by September 30, 2020.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
8 secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, the chairman of the Louisiana Workforce
9 Investment Council, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman of the Board of
10 Regents, the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services, the secretary of
11 Louisiana Economic Development, and the secretary of the Louisiana Department of
12 Revenue.

DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original resolution:

1. Change agencies directed to undertake the study from the Bd. of Regents and the La. Workforce Commission to the La. Workforce Investment Council.
2. Remove requirement for holding public hearings.