

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 313

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests that the Board of Regents study two-year colleges in Union, Claiborne, and Bienville parishes and submit a written report to the House Committee on Education by January 31, 2025

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to conduct a comprehensive study of two-year
3 colleges in Union, Claiborne, and Bienville parishes and to submit a written report
4 to the House Committee on Education not later than January 31, 2025.

5 WHEREAS, two-year colleges play a critical role in providing accessible and
6 affordable education and contributing to workforce development and community
7 enrichment; and

8 WHEREAS, understanding the current landscape of programs and services offered
9 by these colleges is essential for planning and improving future educational opportunities;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, a comprehensive study of these colleges in Union, Claiborne, and
12 Bienville parishes would provide valuable insights into the strengths of existing educational
13 offerings and service delivery and identify areas for potential improvement; and

14 WHEREAS, such a study should also explore potential new programs and services
15 that could be implemented beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year to better serve
16 students and the community; and

17 WHEREAS, developing a sustainable business model based on the study's findings
18 would ensure the long-term viability and success of these educational institutions.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
2 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to conduct a
3 comprehensive study of two-year colleges in Union, Claiborne, and Bienville parishes.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include, at a minimum, the following:

5 (1) An inventory of the programs currently offered by two-year colleges in these
6 parishes and the mode of delivery for each program.

7 (2) An assessment of the services currently available to students at these institutions.

8 (3) Recommendations for new programs and services that could be offered
9 beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year to meet emerging educational and workforce
10 needs.

11 (4) A proposed sustainable business model to support the implementation and
12 maintenance of these programs and services.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents submit a written report of
14 the study findings and the proposed business model to the House Committee on Education
15 not later than January 31, 2025.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 commissioner of higher education and the chairman of the Board of Regents.

DIGEST

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