

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 313

BY REPRESENTATIVE YOUNG

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES