

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR BROWN

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS. Requests the LCTCS board to develop and provide orientation programs to middle school students.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to
3 direct each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers to develop and
4 provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school and continuing
5 until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that will prepare
6 students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their local area.

7 WHEREAS, by 2020, almost two-thirds of the nation's jobs and fifty-two
8 percent of Louisiana's jobs will require a postsecondary credential; and

9 WHEREAS, only seventy-two percent of Louisiana's students graduate from
10 high school on time and less than thirty percent of Louisiana's citizens hold an
11 associate's degree or higher; and

12 WHEREAS, Louisiana employers continually cite a skills gap in our state's
13 labor market; and

14 WHEREAS, studies suggest that career and occupation choices are made as
15 early as childhood and having knowledge of local high quality career and technical
16 education programs has a positive impact on timely high school graduation and
17 postsecondary educational choices; and

18 WHEREAS, Louisiana's public school students must develop an individual

1 graduation plan in the eighth grade to help guide their high school course choices,
 2 and knowledge of careers in demand in their local area will aid students in making
 3 such plans.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does
 5 hereby urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
 6 Colleges to direct each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers
 7 to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school
 8 and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that
 9 will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their
 10 local area.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 12 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Requests the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to require each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers in order to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their local area.