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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 237

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

COLLEGES/ADMISSIONS: Recognizes the power of public postsecondary education management boards to establish and implement admissions criteria for students

A RESOLUTION

2	To recognize that the power to establish and implement admissions criteria for students
3	entering public postsecondary education institutions is reserved to the public
4	postsecondary education management boards for the institutions under the
5	supervision and management of each.
6	WHEREAS, the Constitution of Louisiana states that the "goal of the public
7	educational system is to provide learning environments and experiences, at all stages of
8	human development, that are humane, just, and designed to promote excellence in order that
9	every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential"; and
10	WHEREAS, in furtherance of this goal, the state constitution creates and provides
11	for the powers of the public postsecondary education management boards in supervising and
12	managing the institutions under the control of each; and
13	WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(E) of the constitution provides that the powers
14	of management over public institutions of postsecondary education not specifically vested
15	by the constitution in the Board of Regents are reserved to the Board of Supervisors of
16	Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of
17	Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of
18	Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of
19	Community and Technical Colleges; and

1 WHEREAS, such powers reserved to the management boards include the power to 2 establish and implement admissions criteria for students entering the institutions under their 3 respective control; and 4 WHEREAS, although Louisiana's public postsecondary education institutions 5 collectively provide a wide range of programs for students, each institution must identify the 6 needs of its students and the region and the institution's mission and must implement policies 7 that best address those needs and support that mission; and 8 WHEREAS, regional institutions, as designated by the Board of Regents, offer a 9 wide range of programs at the undergraduate level and selected graduate offerings and 10 conduct research related to the respective institution's instructional mission; and 11 WHEREAS, in order to maximize the probability of student success at these 12 institutions and all other public postsecondary education institutions, the management boards 13 must continue to adopt and implement admissions criteria and policies that link the 14 expectations of each institution to the needs, aspirations, and level of preparedness of its 15 entering students. 16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize that the power to establish and implement 18 admissions criteria for students entering public postsecondary education institutions is 19 reserved to the public postsecondary education management boards for the institutions under 20 the supervision and management of each. 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such admissions criteria must be consistent with 22 the educational purposes of the institution and must address the needs of the students in 23 order that every student may be afforded an equal opportunity to develop to his full potential 24 as is the goal of the public educational system. 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 26 presidents of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and 27 Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and 28 Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and 29 the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the commissioner of 30 higher education.

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## **DIGEST**

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Recognizes that the power to establish and implement admissions criteria for the students entering public postsecondary education institutions is reserved for the boards of supervisors of LSU, Southern University, the Univ. of La. System, and the Community and Technical Colleges.