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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 77

BY SENATOR BISHOP

NURSES. Requests the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Southern University School of Nursing, and Southern University at New Orleans to collaborate on the process and procedures required for the establishment of a nursing education program on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Southern University School of Nursing, and Southern University at New Orleans to collaborate on the process and procedures required for the establishment of a nursing education program on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans.

WHEREAS, there is a nationwide shortage of nurses that is estimated to reach over one million new nurses needed to support the workforce by 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to have a strong nursing workforce because among other things, the number of nurses available to work in the market directly correlates to the number of hospital beds opened and made available to patients; and

WHEREAS, Southeast Louisiana residents have access to hundreds of specialists, and more than forty area hospitals located between the Northshore and New Orleans, many of which are considered the best in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Louisiana colleges and universities continue to educate and graduate nurses to meet the demands of the market; and

WHEREAS, the Southern University School of Nursing in Baton Rouge (SUSON) was approved by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing in 1985 and has attained accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education; and

WHEREAS, since 1988, SUSON has been recognized nationally for its success with minority students, having graduated more than two thousand nurses with a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree, an educational attainment that positions nurses for more responsibility, supervisory roles, and higher salaries; and

WHEREAS, Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) was established in 1956 and today has a student population in excess of two thousand students; and

WHEREAS, SUNO is uniquely positioned to offer a nursing program that would allow students to train in and graduate into the medical hub of New Orleans, providing a robust array of job opportunities and ensuring that patients have continued access to care; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Nursing has been statutorily vested with the authority to approve schools of nursing; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Southern University School of Nursing, and Southern University at New Orleans collaborate on the process and procedures required for the establishment of a nursing education program on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request Louisiana State Board of Nursing, Southern University School of Nursing, and Southern University at New Orleans collaborate on the process and procedures required for the establishment of a nursing education program on the campus of Southern University at New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the executive director of the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the dean of the Southern University School of Nursing, and the chancellor of Southern University at New Orleans.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

DIGEST

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