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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.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

