

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 210

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COLLEGES/COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL: Requests that the Louisiana Community and Technical College System continue a pilot scholarship program for certain adults

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, in  
3 coordination with the Board of Regents and the Louisiana Office of Student  
4 Financial Assistance, to continue a pilot program to provide public postsecondary  
5 education scholarships to certain adult students and to submit written reports of its  
6 findings regarding the development and implementation of the program, including  
7 any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education  
8 not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the  
9 Legislature and the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

10 WHEREAS, current data and occupational forecasts indicate that a majority of high-  
11 demand, high-paying occupations will require more than a high school education; and

12 WHEREAS, half of Louisiana's working-age adults have a high school diploma or  
13 less and lack the skills and education needed to fully participate in the economy; and

14 WHEREAS, every effort must be made to provide greater access to postsecondary  
15 education to those adults in order to move them from the rolls of the underemployed or  
16 unemployed to the rolls of a skilled workforce and to ensure that they are prepared to meet  
17 the current and future workforce needs of the state and are capable of self-sufficiency; and

18 WHEREAS, House Resolution No. 112 and Senate Resolution No. 113 of the 2018  
19 Regular Session of the Legislature requested the Louisiana Community and Technical  
20 College System to develop a pilot program to provide public postsecondary education  
21 scholarships for use in programs aligned with high-demand, high-paying occupations by

1 Louisiana's working-age citizens who have earned an alternative high school diploma and  
2 who have scored at least a seventeen on the ACT; and

3 WHEREAS, the scholarship program for adults did attract and engage more of the  
4 working-age population in public postsecondary education; and

5 WHEREAS, the adults participating in the scholarship program have demonstrated  
6 success with higher average rates of persistence and grade point averages than students who  
7 graduated from high school and have received a TOPS-Tech award; and

8 WHEREAS, further development of this pilot scholarship program is necessary to  
9 aid in the development of a well-educated, highly skilled, and productive workforce, which  
10 is of paramount importance to the economic growth of this state.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Community and  
13 Technical College System, in coordination with the Board of Regents and the Louisiana  
14 Office of Student Financial Assistance, to further develop and expand the pilot program  
15 created in response to the request of House Resolution No. 112 and Senate Resolution  
16 No. 113 of the 2018 Regular Session of the Legislature to provide public postsecondary  
17 education scholarships for use in programs aligned with high-demand, high-paying  
18 occupations by Louisiana's working-age citizens who have earned an alternative high school  
19 diploma.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the scale of the expanded pilot scholarship  
21 program administered by the Louisiana Community and Technical College System shall be  
22 determined by the funds raised by the colleges or appropriated to them.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Community and Technical  
24 College System shall submit a written report of its findings regarding the development and  
25 implementation of the pilot program, including any recommendations for related legislation,  
26 to the House Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the  
27 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature and the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
29 president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the commissioner of

1 higher education, and the executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial  
2 Assistance.

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DIGEST

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Requests that the La. Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), in coordination with the Bd. of Regents and the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance, further develop and expand a scholarship program for use in certain programs by working-age citizens and that LCTCS submit written reports of findings regarding the development and implementation of the pilot program, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education not later than 60 days prior to the beginning of 2020 R.S and 2021 R.S.