

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 226

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Requests that the Board of Regents provide for an updated study and report relative to the issues addressed in the 2012 report by Eva Klein and Associates pertaining to postsecondary education in the Shreveport-Bossier region

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to provide for an updated study and report relative  
3 to the issues addressed in the 2012 report by Eva Klein and Associates, *Achieving*  
4 *a Comprehensive Public University in Shreveport-Bossier: Analysis of Alternative*  
5 *Strategies*, and issue a status report to the House Committee on Education not later  
6 than 90 days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature.

7 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides,  
8 relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and  
9 responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department  
10 of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(a) of the  
11 constitution further provides that it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the Board of  
12 Regents to study the need for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary  
13 education, which includes establishing a branch of such an institution; and

14 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, along with several community organizations, co-  
15 sponsored a study conducted in 2011-2012 by Eva Klein and Associates, the objective of  
16 which, in part, was to identify options for a more comprehensive public university in  
17 Shreveport-Bossier, including a possible consolidation of institutions; and

18 WHEREAS, the report issued in February of 2012 as the result of the study made  
19 several recommendations relative to postsecondary education in the region, one of which  
20 was the consolidation of Louisiana Tech University and Louisiana State University at

1 Shreveport into a single institution operating as Louisiana Tech University with two  
2 campuses, one in Ruston and one in Shreveport; and

3 WHEREAS, this recommended merger was formally endorsed by the Board of  
4 Regents in the spring of 2012, and related legislation was filed in the 2012 Regular Session  
5 of the Legislature in the form of House Bill No. 964, which ultimately did not pass; and

6 WHEREAS, it has been more than seven years since the issuance of the report, and  
7 there is ongoing debate as to the possible consolidation of these institutions; therefore, it is  
8 appropriate that the Board of Regents take the necessary measures to provide for an updated  
9 study of this matter and other issues related to postsecondary education in the Shreveport-  
10 Bossier region.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
12 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to provide for  
13 an updated study and accompanying report relative to the issues addressed in the 2012 report  
14 by Eva Klein and Associates, *Achieving a Comprehensive Public University in*  
15 *Shreveport-Bossier: Analysis of Alternative Strategies*, and issue a status report to the House  
16 Committee on Education not later than 90 days prior to the beginning of the 2020 Regular  
17 Session of the Legislature.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
19 chairman of the Board of Regents and the commissioner of higher education.

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#### DIGEST

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