

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, the commissioner of
28 higher education, and the executive director of the Louisiana Office of Student Financial
29 Assistance.

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.