

SENATE BILL NO. 79

BY SENATOR ABRAHAM

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3138.9 and R.S. 36:651(G)(9), relative to special treasury funds; to
3 establish the Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund as a special fund in the
4 state treasury; to provide for the purpose of the fund; to provide for appropriations
5 to the fund and distributions from the fund; to create and provide for the
6 Cybersecurity Education Management Council under the auspices of the Board of
7 Regents to advise and make recommendations to the board relative to fund
8 distributions; to require the board to report to the legislature with respect to the fund;
9 and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138.9 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 **§3138.9. Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund; Cybersecurity**
13 **Education Management Council**

14 **A.(1) The Louisiana Cybersecurity Talent Initiative Fund, referred to**
15 **in this Section as the "fund", is hereby created within the state treasury as a**
16 **special fund for the purpose of funding degree and certificate programs in**
17 **cybersecurity fields offered by public postsecondary education institutions in**
18 **order to meet the state's workforce needs.**

1 (2) Any money donated to the fund or appropriated to the fund by the
2 legislature shall be deposited in the fund. Monies in the fund shall be invested
3 in the same manner as monies in the general fund. Interest earned on
4 investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and
5 unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in
6 the fund.

7 (3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the Board of Regents to
8 be distributed to public postsecondary education institutions.

9 (4) The funds distributed pursuant to this Section shall be used by the
10 institutions for expansion of cybersecurity programs. Any funds distributed to
11 an institution that remain unexpended or unobligated at the end of the fiscal
12 year shall be available for use in the subsequent fiscal year by an institution for
13 such purpose.

14 (5) Funding shall be distributed by the Board of Regents to the public
15 postsecondary education management boards only upon the certification by
16 such a board, on behalf of the receiving institution, that a match of no less than
17 twenty-five percent of the amount of funding to be distributed has been
18 guaranteed by a private entity. The certification shall detail the type of private
19 match to be provided, which may include but is not limited to cash; in-kind
20 donations of technology, personnel, construction materials, facility modification,
21 or corporeal property; internships; scholarships; sponsorship of staff or faculty;
22 or faculty endowment.

23 (6) The fund is in addition to, and separate from, monies appropriated
24 or allocated to any public postsecondary education management board.
25 Allocations from the fund shall not be included in the Board of Regents' funding
26 formula calculation, nor shall they supplant any state general fund allocations
27 to institutions. The availability of the fund shall not in any way substitute, limit,
28 or otherwise affect the allocation of any funds otherwise available to those
29 institutions under state or federal laws.

30 B.(1) The Cybersecurity Education Management Council, referred to

1 in this Section as the "council", is hereby created under the auspices of the
2 Board of Regents for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to
3 the board with respect to distributions from the fund.

4 (2) The council annually shall review the list of degree and certificate
5 programs upon which the distribution is based and the final distribution
6 amounts.

7 (3)(a) The council membership shall be as follows, and any member
8 selecting a designee shall select the designee from his respective system, agency,
9 office, or association, as applicable:

10 (i) Two members appointed by the governor.

11 (ii) The commissioner of higher education or his designee.

12 (iii) A representative of the state Department of Education with
13 expertise in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education
14 appointed by the state superintendent of education.

15 (iv) The president of the Louisiana Chemical Association or his designee.

16 (v) The president of the Louisiana State University System or his
17 designee.

18 (vi) The president of the Southern University System or his designee.

19 (vii) The president of the University of Louisiana System or his designee.

20 (viii) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College
21 System or his designee.

22 (ix) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his
23 designee.

24 (x) The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Economic
25 Development or his designee.

26 (b) A vacancy in the membership of the council shall be filled in the
27 same manner as the original appointment.

28 (c) The members of the council shall elect a chairman, vice chairman,
29 and other officers as they consider necessary.

30 (d) The members of the council shall serve without compensation, but

1 they shall be reimbursed for actual expenses, including travel expenses, to the
2 extent that funds are made available for such purpose.

3 (e) The council shall meet at least quarterly according to a schedule it
4 establishes. Special meetings shall be held on call of the chairman or of a
5 quorum of the members of the council. For all regular or special meetings, the
6 chairman or other members calling the meeting shall give at least seven days
7 notice to the members of the council of the time and place where the meeting
8 will be held. A majority of the members of the council shall constitute a quorum
9 for the transaction of any and all business.

10 (f) The council shall be domiciled in Baton Rouge but may hold public
11 meetings elsewhere in the state.

12 C. The Board of Regents annually shall submit a report to the Senate
13 Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Finance, the House
14 Committee on Education, and the House Committee on Appropriations. The
15 report shall include the distribution method, the list of degree and certificate
16 programs upon which the distribution is based, the final distribution amounts,
17 the number of jobs created as a result of the distribution, and the method and
18 data used to determine the reported number of jobs created. Each public
19 postsecondary education management board shall report to the Board of
20 Regents the information necessary for the Board of Regents to satisfy the
21 requirements of this Subsection.

22 Section 2. R.S. 36:651(G)(9) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

23 §651. Transfer of boards, commissions, departments, and agencies to Department
24 of Education; boards, commissions, and agencies within Department
25 of Education.

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27 G. The following agencies, as defined by R.S. 36:3, are transferred to and
28 hereafter shall be within the Department of Education as provided in Part III of
29 Chapter 22 of this Title:

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(9) The Cybersecurity Education Management Council (R.S. 17:3138.9).

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____