

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Directs the Department of Economic Development to study and report on cyber-related issues

1   A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2    To direct the Department of Economic Development to study and analyze the cyber industry  
 3            within the state and its impact on the economy in Louisiana and to report its findings  
 4            to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue  
 5            and Fiscal Affairs.

6            WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the cyber industry, the industry related to  
 7    computers or computer networks, is important to the modern economy and that the number  
 8    of cyber related jobs has significantly increased in Louisiana during the last decade; and

9            WHEREAS, cyber jobs include but are not limited to jobs related to cyber  
 10   information technology, security, education, and entertainment; and

11           WHEREAS, businesses such as the Cyber Innovation Center in Bossier City,  
 12   Louisiana, provide Louisiana with jobs as well as provide the community with additional  
 13   cyber education resources; and

14           WHEREAS, the Cyber Innovation Center has established Cyber.org, a free academic  
 15   initiative that provides a cyber education curriculum for students in kindergarten through  
 16   twelfth grade; and

17           WHEREAS, such academic initiatives encourage students to pursue cyber related  
 18   degrees, and local colleges and universities are therefore better equipped to produce a pool  
 19   of graduates within cyber degree programs at significantly higher rates than previous years;  
 20   and

1 WHEREAS, cyber degree program graduates are highly sought after in the  
2 workforce.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
4 direct the Department of Economic Development to study and analyze the cyber industry  
5 within the state and its impact on the economy in Louisiana and to report its findings to the  
6 House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Revenue and Fiscal  
7 Affairs.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include information about the  
9 following:

10 (1) The number of students in Louisiana graduating annually with cyber related  
11 degrees, including but not limited to certifications, postsecondary education degrees, and  
12 graduate level degrees.

13 (2) Comparison of Louisiana and other states in the creation and sustainment of  
14 cyber related jobs.

15 (3) The current and future projections of the demand for persons with cyber related  
16 degrees seeking cyber related work within Louisiana.

17 (4) Current tax credits offered in Louisiana related to the creation and sustainment  
18 of cyber related jobs.

19 (5) The impact that creating a new cyber tax credit would have on the state budget.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall be made available to the public  
21 on the Department of Economic Development webpage at the time of transmission to the  
22 committees.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
24 secretary of economic development.

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#### DIGEST

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