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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 108

BY REPRESENTATIVE CREWS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE