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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE MINCEY

EDUCATION: Creates the Workforce Opportunity and Readiness Task Force to study and report relative to workforce readiness programs and activities in public schools

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To create the Workforce Opportunity and Readiness Task Force to study workforce
3 readiness programs and activities in the state's public schools, identify successful
4 programs and practices, and develop recommendations for improvement and to
5 provide for submission of an initial and final written report of findings and
6 recommendations by January 16, 2023, and January 15, 2024, respectively.

7 WHEREAS, creating opportunities for students to be prepared to enter the workforce
8 or workforce training directly from high school is critical to a growing economy; and

9 WHEREAS, promoting career and workforce readiness should be recognized as
10 having the same importance as preparing students for postsecondary education opportunities;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, public schools should be afforded support in the effort to promote and
13 provide career and workforce opportunities to students; and

14 WHEREAS, identifying programs and practices that have been successful will enable
15 the state and public schools to provide better opportunities to students.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 create the Workforce Opportunity and Readiness Task Force to study workforce readiness
18 programs and activities in the state's public schools, identify successful programs and
19 practices, and develop recommendations for improvement.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
2 following members:

3 (1) The speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee.

4 (2) The president of the Senate or his designee.

5 (3) The president of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System.

6 (4) A representative of the state Department of Education designated by the state
7 superintendent of education.

8 (5) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education or his
9 designee.

10 (6) A representative of the Louisiana School Boards Association designated by the
11 governing authority of the association.

12 (7) A representative of the Louisiana Association of School Superintendents
13 designated by the governing authority of the association.

14 (8) The executive director of the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools
15 or his designee.

16 (9) A designee of the governing authority of the Louisiana Association of Principals
17 who is a career and technical education coordinator from a large district (greater than or
18 equal to 20,000 students) with a successful career and technical education program.

19 (10) A designee of the governing authority of the Louisiana Association of
20 Principals who is a career and technical education coordinator from a small district (less than
21 or equal to 3,000 students) with a successful career and technical education program.

22 (11) A designee of the governing authority of the Louisiana Association of School
23 Executives who is a principal from a large high school (greater than or equal to 1,500
24 students) with a successful career and technical education program.

25 (12) A designee of the governing authority of the Louisiana Association of School
26 Executives who is a principal from a small high school (less than or equal to 200 students)
27 with a successful career and technical education program.

28 (13) The president and chief executive officer of the Council for A Better Louisiana
29 or his designee.

1 (14) A representative of the Louisiana Chamber of Commerce Foundation
2 designated by the governing authority of the foundation.

3 (15) A representative of the Louisiana Economic Development Corporation
4 designated by the governing authority of the corporation.

5 (16) The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission or his designee.

6 (17) A representative of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
7 designated by the governing authority of the association.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the president of the Louisiana Community and
9 Technical College System (LCTCS) shall be responsible for designating LCTCS staff to
10 assist the task force in performing its duties, shall serve as chair of the task force, and shall
11 call the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than July 15, 2022, and
12 at which time the task force shall adopt rules of procedure, a work schedule, and any
13 additional measures that it deems necessary for the timely performance of its duties,
14 including selection of a vice chair and other officers.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the termination date of the task force shall be
16 two years after the convening of its first meeting, unless it is deemed necessary by the
17 LCTCS president to extend the task force's operations by another year to monitor and assist
18 with implementation of any recommendations.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without
20 compensation.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit an initial written
22 report of findings of recommendations by January 16, 2023, and a final written report of
23 findings and recommendations by January 15, 2024, to the governor, the state superintendent
24 of education, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the
25 president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the author of this
26 Resolution, which shall include recommendations for legislation, if any, relative to the
27 following:

28 (1) Current workforce readiness programs and activities in the state's public schools,
29 including but not limited to high school vocational education programs, dual enrollment
30 programs, and internships.

1 (2) Successful workforce readiness programs and practices in Louisiana and
2 elsewhere, including the identification of best practices from these models to guide the
3 expansion of career and technical education program development.

4 (3) Impediments to more successful workforce readiness programs and practices in
5 Louisiana, including those in rural communities.

6 (4) Funding mechanisms for workforce readiness programs and activities.

7 (5) Incentives for districts implementing industry-based opportunities on the state
8 focus list where students are achieving at the advanced levels.

9 (6) Training opportunities for principals, career and technical education coordinators
10 or those in equivalent positions, and teachers or instructors, including recommendations
11 related to teacher certification for faculty teaching career and technical education courses.

12 (7) Tax incentive opportunities for businesses and industries participating in training
13 programs, apprenticeships, internships, or externships.

14 (8) Industry certifications, including those obtained in traditional and nontraditional
15 classrooms.

16 (9) Inclusion of workforce readiness programs and activities in the school and
17 district accountability system.

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