

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16

BY REPRESENTATIVE POPE AND SENATOR ERDEY

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Requests that the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, study the feasibility of offering community college services in Livingston Parish

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors of
3 Community and Technical Colleges, to study the feasibility of offering community
4 college services in Livingston Parish and to determine how the state can best meet
5 the educational, economic, and workforce development needs of this region and to
6 submit a written report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations
7 for legislation relative to the issue, to the House Committee on Education and the
8 Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of
9 the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

10 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to
11 public postsecondary education institutions, provides with respect to the powers, duties, and
12 responsibilities of the Board of Regents; and

13 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides
14 that it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve, disapprove,
15 or modify a proposed degree program, department of instruction, division, or similar
16 subdivision; and

17 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana
18 provides that it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the Board of Regents to study the need
19 for and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education, which includes

1 establishing a branch of such an institution or converting any non-degree granting institution
2 to an institution which grants degrees; and

3 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana
4 provides that if the creation of a new institution, the merger of any institutions, the addition
5 of another management board, or the transfer of an existing institution of higher education
6 from one board to another is proposed, the Board of Regents shall report its written findings
7 and recommendations to the legislature within one year and only then, or after one year from
8 a request for such a report from the legislature, may the legislature take affirmative action
9 on such a proposal and then only by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of
10 each house; and

11 WHEREAS, community college services, provided through the Louisiana
12 Community and Technical College System, have proven effective in serving individuals and
13 communities by offering targeted academic programs, technical education, and occupational
14 training programs designed to meet the state's workforce and economic development needs;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Livingston Parish is an underserved area of the state in terms of
17 postsecondary education opportunities, and there is a need for increased access to two-year
18 academic degree programs there to meet the educational, economic, and workforce
19 development needs of this region.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Board of Supervisors of
22 Community and Technical Colleges, to study the feasibility of offering community college
23 services in Livingston Parish and to determine how the state can best meet the educational,
24 economic, and workforce development needs of this region and to submit a written report
25 of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for legislation relative to the
26 issue, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not
27 later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature
28 of Louisiana.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
30 to the commissioner of higher education, the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of

- 1 Community and Technical Colleges, and the president of the Louisiana Community and
- 2 Technical College System.

DIGEST

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