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SENATE BILL NO. 45

BY SENATORS DORSEY-COLOMB, BROOME, BROWN AND WHITE AND REPRESENTATIVES BERTHELOT, CARTER, HAVARD, JAMES, POPE, PRICE, RICHARD, SMITH, ST. GERMAIN AND WHITNEY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

POSTSECONDARY ED. Merges certain La. Technical College campuses with Baton Rouge Community College. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1994(E) and 3217.5, relative to community and technical colleges; to

3 provide for the merger of the certain Louisiana Technical College campuses with

4 Baton Rouge Community College; to provide relative to the transfer of the students,

5 employees, funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions of such

6 technical college campuses to Baton Rouge Community College; to provide relative

7 to performance agreements with the Board of Regents; to provide for effectiveness;

8 and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:1994(E) and 3217.5 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1994. Regional coordination and planning of postsecondary vocational-technical
12 education; establishment and composition of regions

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14 **E. The Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside**
15 **campuses of the Louisiana Technical College as provided for in R.S. 17:1994(B)**
16 **(6), (11), (17), and (42) shall be considered part of, and under the management**
17 **of, the Louisiana Technical College until such time as each institution is merged**

1 with Baton Rouge Community College and all funds, obligations, property,
2 programs, facilities, and functions related to each such technical college campus
3 are transferred to Baton Rouge Community College.

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5 §3217.5. Louisiana Technical College; merger of certain campuses with Baton
6 Rouge Community College

7 A. Effective July 1, 2013, or at the appropriate time thereafter as
8 determined by formal action taken by the Board of Supervisors of Community
9 and Technical Colleges, the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and
10 Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical College are hereby merged with
11 Baton Rouge Community College, and, on the effective date of the merger, all
12 funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions related to such
13 technical college campuses are hereby transferred to Baton Rouge Community
14 College.

15 B. All performance agreements between the Baton Rouge, Folkes,
16 Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical
17 College and Baton Rouge Community College and the Board of Regents
18 executed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:3139 et seq., prior to the effective
19 date of this Section shall remain in effect until such time as the performance
20 agreement between Baton Rouge Community College and the Board of Regents
21 is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that institution and such modified
22 performance agreement is certified by the Board of Supervisors of Community
23 and Technical Colleges.

24 C.(1) Baton Rouge Community College shall provide educational and
25 skills and technical programs and services through the locations and facilities
26 that served as the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside
27 campuses of the Louisiana Technical College prior to the effective date of this
28 Section, and through any other postsecondary campus or institution which may
29 become a part of Baton Rouge Community College or its primary service

1 **delivery area.**

2 **(2) Any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Baton**
 3 **Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana**
 4 **Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of**
 5 **study at no greater cost or conditions, including the manner in which applicable**
 6 **aid and scholarships are administered, than those applicable to the student**
 7 **prior to the merger of such campuses with Baton Rouge Community College,**
 8 **provided the student completes his program or course of study within two years**
 9 **of such merger.**

10 **D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall**
 11 **review the programs and employees of the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville**
 12 **Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical College and**
 13 **Baton Rouge Community College and provide for an employee transition at all**
 14 **affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient**
 15 **delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of Baton Rouge**
 16 **Community College.**

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 21 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb (SB 45)

Proposed law merges the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical College with Baton Rouge Community College and transfers all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions relative to these technical college campuses to Baton Rouge Community College, effective July 1, 2013, or at the appropriate time thereafter as determined by formal action taken by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges (LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors). Further provides that each such campus shall be considered a part of, and under the management of, the La. Technical College until the merger of each campus is effected.

Proposed law provides that all GRAD Act performance agreements currently in effect between the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses and Baton Rouge Community College and the Bd. of Regents shall remain in effect until such time as the performance agreement between Baton Rouge Community College and the Bd. of Regents is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that institution and such modified performance agreement is certified by the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors.

Proposed law provides that Baton Rouge Community College shall provide educational and skills and technical programs and services through the locations and facilities that served as the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the La. Technical College and through any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of Baton Rouge Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Proposed law provides that any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the La. Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of study at no greater cost or conditions, including the manner in which applicable aid and scholarships are administered, than those applicable to the student prior to the merger of such campuses with Baton Rouge Community College, provided the student completes his program or course of study within two years of such merger.

Proposed law provides that the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors shall review the programs and employees of the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the La. Technical College and Baton Rouge Community College and provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of Baton Rouge Community College.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1994(E) and 3217.5)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Specifies that Baton Rouge Community College will also continue to offer skills and technical programs through the former technical college campuses.