

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.

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1994(E) and 3217.5, relative to community and technical colleges; to provide for the merger of certain Louisiana Technical College campuses with Baton Rouge Community College; to provide relative to the transfer of the students, employees, funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions of such technical college campuses to Baton Rouge Community College; to provide relative to performance agreements with the Board of Regents; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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E. The Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical College as provided for in Paragraphs (B)(6), (11), (17), and (42) of this Section shall be considered part of, and under the management of, the Louisiana Technical College until such time as each institution is merged with Baton Rouge Community College and all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions related to each such technical college campus are transferred to Baton Rouge Community College.

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§3217.5. Louisiana Technical College; merger of certain campuses with Baton

1 Rouge Community College

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

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

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

26 (2) Any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Baton
27 Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana
28 Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of
29 study at no greater cost or conditions, including the manner in which applicable
30 aid and scholarships are administered, than those applicable to the student

1 prior to the merger of such campuses with Baton Rouge Community College,
2 provided the student completes his program or course of study within two years
3 of such merger.

4 D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall
5 review the programs and employees of the Baton Rouge, Folkes, Jumonville
6 Memorial, and Westside campuses of the Louisiana Technical College and
7 Baton Rouge Community College and provide for an employee transition at all
8 affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient
9 delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of Baton Rouge
10 Community College.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____