

1 a proposal and then only by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house;
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3 WHEREAS, community college services, provided through the Louisiana
4 Community and Technical College System, have proven effective in serving individuals and
5 communities by offering targeted academic programs, technical education, and occupational
6 training programs designed to meet the state's workforce and economic development needs;
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8 WHEREAS, there is a need for increased access to public postsecondary two-year
9 academic degree programs to meet the educational needs of students and the economic and
10 workforce development needs in the Greater St. Mary Parish Area; and

11 WHEREAS, the provision of community college services in the Greater St. Mary
12 Parish Area would provide access to community college opportunities and offerings to an
13 area of the state which is currently underserved.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and
16 Technical Colleges jointly to study the feasibility of offering community college services
17 in the Greater St. Mary Parish Area and to determine how the state can best meet the
18 educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of this
19 region of the state.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further requests the
21 Board of Regents to submit a written report of study findings and recommendations to the
22 House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty
23 days prior to the convening of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 chairman of the Board of Regents, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman of
26 the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the president of the
27 Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the director of the South Central
28 Louisiana Technical College.

DIGEST

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Requests the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges jointly to study the feasibility of offering community college services in the Greater St. Mary Parish Area and to determine how the state can best meet the educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development needs of this region. Further requests the Board of Regents to submit a written report of study findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than 60 days prior to the 2014 R.S.