

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 147

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Requests the Board of Regents to study and report on the reorganization of the governance of La. public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher as proposed by HB No. 927 of the 2012 R.S.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to review the current placement of Louisiana  
3 public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level  
4 and higher in either the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University  
5 System, or the University of Louisiana System, to study the benefits to public  
6 postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of Louisiana that can be  
7 achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure  
8 proposed by House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature, and  
9 to report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

10 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3215 through 3217 places each of the state's public colleges and  
11 universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the  
12 Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, or the University of  
13 Louisiana System; and

14 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature was  
15 introduced to reorganize this structure by moving certain colleges and universities from one  
16 public postsecondary education management board to another; and

17 WHEREAS, when House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature  
18 was considered by the House Committee on Education, legal counsel to the Board of  
19 Regents testified that any action by the legislature on this matter was premature due to the  
20 provisions of Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana which

1 provides for the board to study any such proposed reorganization and to report its  
2 recommendations; and

3 WHEREAS, despite the volumes and volumes of studies done in the last several  
4 years by the Board of Regents relative to the governance, management, supervision, and  
5 organization of public postsecondary education in our state, the author of House Bill No. 927  
6 of the Regular Session of the Legislature voluntarily deferred further consideration of the  
7 bill to permit the board to conduct yet another study in order to make its recommendation  
8 on the merits of the proposed legislation.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 urge and request the Board of Regents to review the current placement of Louisiana public  
11 colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher  
12 in either the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, or the  
13 University of Louisiana System, to study the benefits to public postsecondary education in  
14 our state and to the citizens of Louisiana that can be achieved by reorganizing the existing  
15 structure to the organizational structure proposed by House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular  
16 Session of the Legislature, and to report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and  
17 recommendations to the legislature as provided by R.S. 24:771 and 772 and to the House  
18 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by not later than sixty  
19 days prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be distributed to  
21 the chairman of the Board of Regents and to the commissioner of higher education.

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#### DIGEST

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HCR No. 147

Requests the Board of Regents to review the current placement of La. public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the LSU System, the SU System, or the UL System, study the benefits to public postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of La. that can be achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure proposed by HB No. 927 of the 2012 R.S., and to report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the legislature as provided by R.S. 24:771 and 772 and to the legislative education committees by not later than 60 days prior to the 2013 R.S.