

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana State University at Shreveport, in collaboration with
2 colleagues at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport and
3 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, has developed the
4 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan for the continued growth of
5 Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and

6 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
7 and Mechanical College on April 27, 2012, unanimously endorsed the Louisiana State
8 University Shreveport Commitment Plan and directed its implementation through close
9 collaboration with all institutions in the Louisiana State University System thereby
10 recognizing that all Louisiana State University entities have a stake in the successful
11 development of Louisiana State University at Shreveport; and

12 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan defines
13 both a series of short-term initiatives designed to provide immediate impact from new
14 program offerings combined with longer-term initiatives to grow selected graduate
15 programs; and

16 WHEREAS, as institutional, regional, and state funding resources permit,
17 investments should be made to further grow Louisiana State University at Shreveport into
18 a strong urban research university with a mix of baccalaureate, master's, professional, and
19 targeted doctoral programs, accompanied by strategic research endeavors that enhance
20 economic development in the metropolitan area; and

21 WHEREAS, during this period of budget austerity, the implementation of the
22 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan presents a cost-effective,
23 expeditious, and efficient way to address regional postsecondary education needs.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby find
25 that the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan as adopted by the Board
26 of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College on
27 April 27, 2012, can be a cost-effective, efficient, and immediate strategy for enhancing
28 postsecondary education needs in the region, including raising the educational attainment
29 of the population; improving the quality of life and economic well-being of Shreveport-
30 Bossier residents; ensuring that students are provided the educational resources they need

1 to have a reasonable chance for success in their academic pursuits; making optimal use of
2 facilities, faculties, and other academic and fiscal resources associated with the public
3 postsecondary institutions; and maintaining and growing foundation and alumni monies
4 attained for the purpose of supporting Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public institutions of postsecondary
6 education in the region and the Board of Regents are urged and requested to fully cooperate
7 and support implementation of the Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
9 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College shall report in writing to the legislature
10 as provided by R.S. 17:771 and 772, the House Committee on Education and the Senate
11 Committee on Education, and the Board of Regents two weeks after the end of each Fall and
12 Spring semester for the next three academic years on its progress in implementing the
13 Louisiana State University Shreveport Commitment Plan, which report shall include but not
14 be limited to details on new programs offered and put into effect as well as student
15 enrollment and completion data for such programs.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted
17 to the presiding officer of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
18 Agricultural and Mechanical College, the president of the Louisiana State University
19 System, the presiding officer of the Board of Regents, and the commission of higher
20 education.

DIGEST

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Provides legislative findings relative to the La. State University Shreveport Commitment Plan as unanimously endorsed by the LSU Board of Supervisors on April 27, 2012, requests all public postsecondary education institutions in the region to fully cooperate and support plan implementation, and specifies that the LSU Board of Supervisors shall make certain written reports to the legislature, the legislative education committees, and the Board of Regents for the next three academic years on the progress of plan implementation.