

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 170

BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES AND SENATOR ALLAIN

COLLEGES/COMMUNITY: Requests the Bd. of Regents and the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges jointly to study offering community college services to the Greater St. Mary Parish Area

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and  
3 Technical Colleges jointly to study the feasibility of offering community college  
4 services in the Greater St. Mary Parish Area and to determine how the state can best  
5 meet the educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development  
6 needs of this region of the state.

7 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides,  
8 relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and  
9 responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department  
10 of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; and

11 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(a) of the constitution further provides that  
12 it is a power, duty, and responsibility of the Board of Regents to study the need for and  
13 feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education, which includes  
14 establishing a branch of such an institution or converting any nondegree granting institution  
15 to an institution which grants degrees; and

16 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the constitution specifies that if the  
17 creation of a new institution is proposed, the Board of Regents shall report its written  
18 findings and recommendations to the legislature within one year and specifies further that  
19 only after the report has been filed, or after one year from the receipt of a request for a report  
20 from the legislature if no report is filed, may the legislature take affirmative action on such

1 a proposal and then only by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house;  
2 and

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;  
7 and

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.