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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 85

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT: Requests the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study the feasibility of creating facilities that provide virtual workshops and training and remote work stations

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study the feasibility of
3	creating facilities that provide virtual workshops and training and remote work
4	stations in order to stimulate workforce development.
5	WHEREAS, in 2020, when the COVID-19 pandemic struck this state, some
6	employers, when possible and practicable, provided remote working options in order to
7	continue productivity without compromising their employees' health and safety from
8	exposure to the COVID-19 virus; and
9	WHEREAS, even with the workforce slowly returning back to pre-pandemic
10	operations, some companies and employers have discovered the benefits of remote work and
11	are allowing employees to fully work remotely or are at least allowing employees to
12	alternate between working in the office and remotely; and
13	WHEREAS, there has been a continuous increase of remote job opportunities; and
14	WHEREAS, if companies and employers continue to allow employees to work
15	remotely and provide additional remote job opportunities, this state, particularly its more
16	rural areas, may be negatively impacted by this trend; and
17	WHEREAS, workers throughout this state, in particular workers in rural areas, may
18	not have access or have limited access to efficient internet service; and
19	WHEREAS, although some public libraries throughout the state provide career
20	services, such as helping workers who are seeking new skills and responsibilities or those

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1 who are looking to change careers, and outreach initiatives and access to computers, these 2 resources are limited and in the case of computers, provided on a first-come, first-served 3 basis; and 4 WHEREAS, to bring Louisiana workers into the twenty-first century and keep the 5 state competitive, the state must recognize technological advancements and opportunities 6 that are currently changing and shaping the workforce; and 7 WHEREAS, the state must also recognize that remote job opportunities are gradually 8 becoming the norm and the way of the future; and 9 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Workforce Commission is tasked with overseeing 10 workforce development in this state, which includes providing web-based job search 11 assistance, job search workshops, community resources information, and education and training information; and 12 13 WHEREAS, to ensure that this state is not limiting its own workforce development 14 and to ensure that workers throughout this great state are not being excluded from all job 15 opportunities afforded to them, the state needs to examine the possibility of creating 16 facilities that would provide virtual workshops and training and remote work stations. 17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 18 urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to study the feasibility of creating 19 facilities that provide virtual workshops and training and remote work stations in order to 20 stimulate workforce development in this state. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall 21 22 study all of the following: 23 The number of remote workers and remote job opportunities in the state. (1) 24 (2)The advantages and disadvantages, if any, of creating the facilities. 25 The financial impact of opening and operating the facilities. (3) 26 (4) The financial impact of providing job training and virtual workshops and 27 work remote stations. 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall 29 make a written report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed 30 legislation, if any, to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than January 1, 2023.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

2 secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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