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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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to research funding the feasibility
3	of creating facilities that provide remote work stations in order to stimulate
4	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

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
12	training information; and
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 remote work stations.
17	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Commission to research funding the feasibility
19	of creating facilities that will provide remote work stations in order to stimulate the
20	workforce development in this state.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Workforce Commission shall
22	make a written report of its findings and recommendations, with suggestions for proposed
23	legislation, if any, to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than January 1, 2023.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25	secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

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DIGEST

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Labor and Industrial</u> <u>Relations</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Make technical changes.
- 2. Change the request of the La. Workforce Commission <u>from</u> studying the feasibility of creating facilities that would stimulate workforce development <u>to</u> a request to research funding the feasibility of creating these facilities.
- 3. Delete the request for the La. Workforce Commission to examine the possibility of creating facilities that would provide virtual workshops and training.
- 4. Delete provisions that require the La. Workforce Commission to study the number of remote workers and remote job opportunities in the state, any advantages and disadvantages of creating the facilities, and the financial impact of operating the facilities that would provide job training, virtual workshops, and remote work stations.