

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to submit a proposal to the Board of Regents for the establishment of an associate of applied science degree program in process technology for students enrolled in Southern University at Shreveport, which would be provided on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge through the Southern University College Connect Program.

WHEREAS, an associate of applied science degree program in process technology, commonly known as PTEC, is a program that trains students to become process technicians who control and monitor the systems that run industrial plants; and

WHEREAS, an additional PTEC program offered at a postsecondary education institution in the Baton Rouge region would help area students prepare to obtain high paying jobs and would help to meet expanding workforce demands for process technicians in industries including the chemical, oil and gas, and pharmaceutical industries; and

WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a PTEC program on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR); and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana grants certain powers relating to public institutions of postsecondary education to the Board of Regents, including the power to approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program; therefore, in order to establish an associate of applied science degree program in PTEC, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College must seek and obtain the approval of the Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has issued a moratorium on the consideration of proposed associate degree programs at four-year institutions; and

WHEREAS, one avenue for the establishment of such a program on the campus of SUBR, which is a four-year institution, is to provide this instruction through the Southern University College Connect Program; and

WHEREAS, under this model, students would be admitted to and enroll in Southern University at Shreveport (SUSLA), their home campus, but would receive instruction at SUBR, their host campus; and

WHEREAS, a PTEC program for SUSLA students offered in Baton Rouge through the Southern University College Connect Program would offer a rigorous study of various process technologies and would prepare students to work in this growing and high demand field; and

WHEREAS, in order to train students with the hands-on skills they need to enter the workforce and to satisfy the hiring demands of Louisiana industries in plants, refineries, and other industrial facilities, it is appropriate that an associate of applied science degree program in process technology be established at Southern University at Shreveport and provided at Southern University at Baton Rouge through the Southern University College Connect Program.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to submit a proposal to the Board of Regents for the approval of the establishment of an associate of applied science degree program in process technology for students enrolled in Southern University at Shreveport, which would be provided on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge through the Southern University College Connect Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES