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SENATE BILL NO. 284

BY SENATORS CORTEZ, MILLS AND PERRY AND REPRESENTATIVES STUART
BISHOP AND NANCY LANDRY

COMMUNITY TECH SYSTEM. Merges certain La.Technical College campuses with
South Louisiana Community College. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1994(C) and 3217.3, relative to community and technical colleges; to
3 provide for the merger of the certain Louisiana Technical College campuses with
4 South Louisiana Community College; to provide relative to the transfer of the
5 students, employees, funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions
6 of such technical college campuses to South Louisiana Community College; to
7 provide relative to performance agreements with the Board of Regents; to provide
8 for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:1994(C) and 3217.3 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1994. Regional coordination and planning of postsecondary vocational-technical
12 education; establishment and composition of regions

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14 C. The Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T.
15 H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College as
16 provided for in R.S. 17:1994(B) (1), (7), (9), (12), (18), (38), and (40) shall be
17 considered part of, and under the management of, the Louisiana Technical

1 College until such time as each institution is merged with South Louisiana
2 Community College and all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities,
3 and functions related to each such technical college campus are transferred to
4 South Louisiana Community College.

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6 §3217.3. Louisiana Technical College; merger of certain campuses with South
7 Louisiana Community College

8 A. Effective July 1, 2012, the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline,
9 Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana
10 Technical College are hereby merged with South Louisiana Community
11 College, and, on this date, all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities,
12 and functions related to such technical college campuses are hereby transferred
13 to South Louisiana Community College.

14 B. All performance agreements between the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil,
15 Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the
16 Louisiana Technical College and South Louisiana Community College and the
17 Board of Regents executed pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 17:3139 et seq.,
18 prior to the effective date of this Section shall remain in effect until such time
19 as the performance agreement between South Louisiana Community College
20 and the Board of Regents is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that
21 institution and such modified performance agreement is certified by the Board
22 of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

23 C.(1) South Louisiana Community College shall provide educational
24 programs and services through the locations and facilities that served as the
25 Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and
26 Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College prior to the effective
27 date of this Section, and through any other postsecondary campus or institution
28 which may become a part of South Louisiana Community College or its
29 primary service delivery area.

1 **(2) Any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Acadian,**
 2 **Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, or Teche**
 3 **Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College shall be permitted to**
 4 **complete such program or course of study at no greater cost or conditions than**
 5 **those applicable to the student prior to the merger of such campuses with South**
 6 **Louisiana Community College, provided all applicable aid and scholarships are**
 7 **first applied to the student's cost of attendance and the student completes his**
 8 **program or course of study within two years of such merger.**

9 **D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall**
 10 **review the programs and employees of the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil,**
 11 **Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the**
 12 **Louisiana Technical College and South Louisiana Community College and**
 13 **provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses**
 14 **consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the**
 15 **expanded mission of South Louisiana Community College.**

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 20 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne Johnston. The following
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was
 prepared by Ann S. Brown.

DIGEST

Cortez (SB 284)

Proposed law merges the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College with South Louisiana Community College and transfers all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions relative to these technical college campuses to South Louisiana Community College, effective July 1, 2012. Further provides that each such campus shall be considered a part of, and under the management of, the La. Technical College until the merger of each campus is effected.

Proposed law provides that all GRAD Act performance agreements currently in effect between the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and

Teche Area campuses and South Louisiana Community College and the Bd. of Regents shall remain in effect until such time as the performance agreement between South La. Community College and the Bd. of Regents is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that institution and such modified performance agreement is certified by the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors.

Proposed law provides that South La. Community College shall provide educational programs and services through the locations and facilities that served as the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College and through any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of South La. Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Proposed law provides that any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, or Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of study at no greater cost or conditions than those applicable to the student prior to the merger of such campuses with South La. Community College, provided all applicable aid and scholarships are first applied to the student's cost of attendance and the student completes his program or course of study within two years of such merger.

Proposed law provides that the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors shall review the programs and employees of the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College and South La. Community College and provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of South La. Community College.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1994(C) and 3217.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.