

SENATE BILL NO. 284

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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C. The Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College as provided for in R.S. 17:1994(B) (1), (7), (9), (12), (18), (38), and (40) shall be considered part of, and under the management of, the Louisiana Technical College until such time as each institution is merged with South Louisiana Community College and all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions related to each such technical college campus are transferred to South Louisiana Community College.

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

A. Effective July 1, 2012 or at the appropriate time thereafter as determined by formal action taken by the Board of Supervisors of Community

1 and Technical Colleges, the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area,
2 Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical
3 College are hereby merged with South Louisiana Community College, and, on
4 the effective date of the merger, all funds, obligations, property, programs,
5 facilities, and functions related to such technical college campuses are hereby
6 transferred to South Louisiana Community College.

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

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

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

1 **D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall**
2 **review the programs and employees of the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil,**
3 **Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the**
4 **Louisiana Technical College and South Louisiana Community College and**
5 **provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses**
6 **consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the**
7 **expanded mission of South Louisiana Community College.**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____