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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY SENATORS WHITE, ALARIO, ALLAIN, AMEDEE, CLAITOR, DORSEY-COLOMB, ERDEY, GUILLORY, MILLS, NEVERS, PERRY, RISER AND WALSWORTH AND REPRESENTATIVES HAVARD, HODGES, HONORE, IVEY AND POPE

SCHOOLS. Requests the LCTCS Board of Supervisors to open the new Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Training Center as soon as possible.

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to  
3 commence offering educational programs and career and technical training through  
4 the newly constructed Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Training Center  
5 located on Hooper Road in Central, Louisiana, as soon as possible.

6 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges is  
7 constitutionally and statutorily charged with managing all public institutions which  
8 exclusively or predominantly provide programs of postsecondary vocational-technical  
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, the mission of Baton Rouge Community College is to "identify and  
11 meet the educational and workforce needs of our community through innovative, accessible,  
12 and dynamic programs"; and

13 WHEREAS, the stated purpose for the Hooper Road location of Baton Rouge  
14 Community College is to "provide a new, accessible campus for the growing north portion  
15 of East Baton Rouge Parish, with facilities and equipment to provide a trained workforce for  
16 local business and industry, including community college and technical programs, academic  
17 transfer, workforce training, dual enrollment, and remedial and literacy programs"; and

18 WHEREAS, planned offerings for this new campus and workforce training center

1 include helicopter pilot training and airplane mechanics; and

2 WHEREAS, the planned enhanced process technology program to provide students  
3 with "real world" operational experience that would prepare them to enter into the process  
4 industry work-ready has yet to be implemented, although the Glycol Unit to support this  
5 needed program has been fabricated; and

6 WHEREAS, although the building to house the new workforce training center is  
7 complete and ready for occupancy, the Glycol Unit remains in storage and no classes or  
8 training of any kind are being conducted on-site; and

9 WHEREAS, other potential sites in the Baton Rouge area will require new  
10 infrastructure development, which would increase the cost to taxpayers and take years to  
11 design, engineer, construct, and ready for occupancy; and

12 WHEREAS, upon action by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical  
13 Colleges, it is feasible that this idle campus, within a few months, could be providing needed  
14 educational and training opportunities to hundreds of students, while also meeting local  
15 economic development and workforce needs.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
17 urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to  
18 commence offering educational programs and career and technical training through the  
19 newly constructed Baton Rouge Community College Workforce Training Center located on  
20 Hooper Road in Central, Louisiana, as soon as possible.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
22 chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the president  
23 of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System, and the chancellor of Baton  
24 Rouge Community College.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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DIGEST

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