

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

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, planned offerings for this new campus and workforce training center include helicopter pilot training and airplane mechanics; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES