

2016 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR BROWN

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS. Requests the LCTCS board to develop and provide orientation programs to middle school students.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to encourage each institution in its system to coordinate with local employers to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in middle school and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs available that will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high demand in their local area.

WHEREAS, by 2020, almost two-thirds of the nation's jobs and fifty-two percent of Louisiana's jobs will require a postsecondary credential; and

WHEREAS, only seventy-two percent of Louisiana's students graduate from high school on time and less than thirty percent of Louisiana's citizens hold an associate's degree or higher; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana employers continually cite a skills gap in our state's labor market; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that career and occupation choices are made as early as childhood and having knowledge of local high quality career and technical education programs has a positive impact on timely high school graduation and postsecondary educational choices; and

1 WHEREAS, Louisiana's public school students must develop an individual
 2 graduation plan in the eighth grade to help guide their high school course choices,
 3 and knowledge of careers in demand in their local area will aid students in making
 4 such plans.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does
 6 hereby urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
 7 Colleges to encourage each institution in its system to coordinate with local
 8 employers to develop and provide orientation programs to students, beginning in
 9 middle school and continuing until graduation, regarding the occupational programs
 10 available that will prepare students for high-paying, skilled careers that are in high
 11 demand in their local area.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
 13 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

SCR 89 Engrossed

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Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Requests LCTCS to encourage instead of to direct member institutions to develop orientation programs.