A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council and Occupational Forecasting Conference to immediately begin work with private sector experts to assess short-term and long-term workforce implications and opportunities resulting from the coronavirus also known as COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council is to develop a strategic plan to coordinate and integrate a workforce development delivery system and to assure efficiency and cooperation between public and private entities by advising the governor on the needs of Louisiana's employers and its workforce; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Louisiana Occupational Forecasting Conference, which is directed by the Workforce Investment Council, is to project job growth and develop information on the needs of current, new, and emerging industries for the workforce development planning process at the statewide and regional levels; and

WHEREAS, the state has suffered an unprecedented halt in the economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the pandemic has caused businesses and operations to suffer greatly by causing shutdowns and loss of business and employees, resulting in untold workforce implications; and

WHEREAS, the state needs to begin taking the necessary steps to reopen the economy; and
WHEREAS, although the pandemic has caused many businesses and operations to suffer an economic loss, the pandemic has also created opportunities for businesses to experience growth and advancement by using innovative and technological resources.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state of Louisiana through the Louisiana Workforce Investment Council and Occupational Forecasting Conference to immediately begin work with private sector experts to assess short-term and long-term workforce implications and opportunities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislative authority for the request provided for in this Resolution shall terminate on August 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

DIGEST

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Provides that the legislative authority for the report shall terminate on August 1, 2020.