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HOUSE BILL NO. 477

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRICHE

HIGHER EDUCATION: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides relative to appropriations for certain higher education institutions

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A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 7.1(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide relative to state general fund appropriations for certain higher education institutions; to prohibit the reduction of such appropriations below certain amounts under certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 7.1(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges

Section 7.1.

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(D) Transitional Funding. (1)(a) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and

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1 2001-2002, for those institutions of higher education supervised and  
2 managed in 1998 by each of the management boards of higher  
3 education, that is the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State  
4 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of  
5 Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical  
6 College, and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities,  
7 respectively, shall be no less than the appropriations from the state  
8 general fund in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 for those same institutions of  
9 higher education regardless of their management boards.

10 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsubparagraph (a) of  
11 this Subparagraph, in any fiscal year in which a community college  
12 begins holding classes in a parish and for five years thereafter,  
13 appropriations from the state general fund for each public institution of  
14 higher education which is located in that parish or in a parish  
15 contiguous to that parish shall be no less than the appropriations from  
16 the state general fund for that institution in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 or  
17 in the year immediately prior to the year in which the community  
18 college begins holding classes in such parish, whichever is greater.

19 (2) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for  
20 Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for those  
21 institutions in the Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
22 shall be no less than the state general fund appropriations in Fiscal  
23 Year 1998-1999 for those same institutions regardless of their  
24 management boards.

25 (3) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for  
26 Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for postsecondary

1           vocational-technical education shall be no less than the total of all  
2           appropriations for such purpose from the state general fund for Fiscal  
3           Year 1998-1999.

4           (4) The provisions of this Paragraph shall be null and void for  
5           any such fiscal year in which state general fund revenues are less than  
6           the state general fund revenues of Fiscal Year 1998-1999 as determined  
7           by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

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9           Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be  
10          submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the gubernatorial primary  
11          election to be held in 1999.

12          Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used  
13          at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors  
14          of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the  
15          Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

16                 To provide relative to state general fund appropriations for  
17                 certain public higher education institutions; to prohibit the  
18                 reduction of such appropriations below certain amounts for  
19                 institutions located in a parish in which a community college  
20                 begins holding classes or in a parish contiguous to such parish  
21                 until the sixth year after the year in which such classes begin.

22                 (Amends Article VIII, Section 7.1(D))

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DIGEST

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Present constitution provides for appropriations annually from the state general fund for FYs 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002 as follows:

- (1) For those institutions of higher education supervised and managed in 1998 by each of the management boards of higher education, that is the LSU Board of Supervisors, the Southern University Board of Supervisors, and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund in FY 1998-1999 for those same institutions of higher education regardless of their management boards.
- (2) For those institutions in the La. Community and Technical College System shall be no less than the state general fund appropriations in FY 1998-1999 for those same institutions regardless of their management boards.
- (3) For postsecondary vocational-technical education shall be no less than the total of all appropriations for such purpose from the state general fund for FY 1998-1999.

Provides that these provisions are null for any such fiscal year in which state general fund revenues are less than the state general fund revenues of FY 1998-1999 as determined by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains present constitution and adds that notwithstanding the provisions of (1) above, in any fiscal year in which a community college begins holding classes in a parish and for five years thereafter, appropriations from the state general fund for each public institution of higher education located in the same parish or in a parish contiguous to such parish shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund for that institution in FY 1998-1999 or in the year immediately prior to the year in which the community college begins holding classes in a parish, whichever is greater.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial primary election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. VIII, §7.1(D))