

Regular Session, 1999

HOUSE BILL NO. 477

BY REPRESENTATIVES TRICHE, HOPKINS, LEBLANC, MCCALLUM,
SALTER, JACK SMITH, THOMPSON, AND KENNEY AND
SENATOR LANDRY

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 2001-2002, for those institutions of higher education supervised and managed in 1998 by each of the management boards of higher education, that is the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of

Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, respectively, shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 for those same institutions of higher education regardless of their management boards.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph, in any fiscal year in which a community college begins holding classes in a parish and for three years thereafter, appropriations from the state general fund for each public institution of higher education supervised and managed by each of the management boards, or their successors, as provided by Subsubparagraph (a) of this Subparagraph which is located in that parish or in a parish contiguous to that parish shall be no less than the appropriations from the state general fund for that institution in Fiscal Year 1998-1999 or in the year immediately prior to the year in which the community college begins holding classes in such parish, whichever is greater.

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

(3) Appropriations annually from the state general fund for Fiscal Years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, and 2001-2002, for postsecondary vocational-technical education shall be no less than the total of all appropriations for such purpose from the state general fund for Fiscal Year 1998-1999.

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

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(5) No public institution of higher learning that is protected from a reduction in its appropriation as a result of this Section shall have an implementation level greater than one hundred percent of the formula promulgated by the Board of Regents.

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

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

To prohibit the reduction of state general fund appropriations below certain amounts for public institutions of higher education located in a parish in which a community college begins holding classes in that parish or, in a parish contiguous to such parish, until the fourth year after the year in which such classes begin. (Amends Article VIII, Section 7.1(D))

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE