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HOUSE BILL NO. 477

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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

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

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



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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 three 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))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changed time period for which appropriations cannot be reduced from five years to three years.