

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENSGENS

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests that the Board of Regents study the compensation of public postsecondary education system presidents and other system officers and board members

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to study the compensation of public postsecondary education system presidents and other system officers and board members and to report its findings to the legislature at least sixty days prior to the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, setting the state on a path of fiscal responsibility requires a thorough review of all areas of state operations and spending; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous areas within state government in which reforming the current policies and practices will produce savings or additional revenues for the state, including the area of public postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides for the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of Regents, including the requirement that the board formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents, through the development and implementation of the Master Plan for Postsecondary Education: 2011, adopted several broad goals, one of which is to achieve greater accountability, efficiency, and effectiveness in the postsecondary education system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state and its citizens to ensure that the long-term viability of the state's public postsecondary education system is sustained and that

1 limited resources are used more effectively and efficiently; thus, all state expenditures  
2 relative to public postsecondary education merit a thorough examination, including the  
3 compensation of public postsecondary education system presidents and other system officers  
4 and board members.

5       THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
6 urge and request that the Board of Regents conduct a study of the compensation of public  
7 postsecondary education system presidents and other system officers and board members,  
8 recognizing that such compensation encompasses not only base salaries but also personal  
9 emoluments, including but not limited to car or housing allowances.

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature requests that the Board of Regents  
11 identify peer systems and the compensation of system executives based upon the most recent  
12 data available from the Southern Regional Education Board, or if not available from the  
13 Southern Regional Education Board, then from such reliable sources as the Board of Regents  
14 selects.

15       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature requests that the Board of Regents  
16 report its findings to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on  
17 Education, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget at least sixty days prior to the  
18 convening of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
20 commissioner of higher education and the chairman of the Board of Regents.

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#### DIGEST

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