

1 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3141.2(5)(c) specifically excludes a school or training program
2 which offers instruction primarily in the field of recreation, health, entertainment, or
3 personal enrichment and which does not purport to prepare or qualify persons for
4 employment as determined by the commission; and

5 WHEREAS, there are yoga teacher training facilities in Louisiana that are licensed
6 and regulated by the Board of Regents as proprietary schools, that support such licensing and
7 regulation and believe that it is both appropriate and proper and that have expressed serious
8 concern to legislators about any moratorium on such licensing as proposed by House
9 Concurrent Resolution No. 242 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, legal counsel representing the Coalition of Louisiana Yoga Studies
12 asserts that yoga teacher training does not fall within the legal definition of a proprietary
13 school and that yoga instruction, in general, does not train or prepare a person for a field of
14 endeavor in a business, trade, technical, or industrial occupation; and

15 WHEREAS, such counsel further asserts that yoga teacher training is not a trade
16 school that offers to prepare an individual for employment and that the main focus of the
17 training hours offered is for the primary purpose of deepening a student's spirituality and for
18 the secondary purpose of developing a physical yoga practice; and

19 WHEREAS, counsel for the coalition has further advised the Board of Regents that
20 she knows of no yoga studio in Louisiana that gives instruction on how to make a living
21 teaching yoga or that provides credentials that can be used to gain employment.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
23 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to study current
24 law and board policies and procedures relative to the licensing and regulation of yoga
25 teacher training facilities as proprietary schools, determine if such law, policies, and
26 procedures provide sufficient authority to the board to make necessary distinctions among
27 programs at such facilities as to those that meet the definition of being a proprietary school
28 and those that do not, and make recommendations concerning any needed changes in law
29 or in board policies and procedures on this issue.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents shall report in writing on
2 study findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education by not later than
3 sixty days prior to the start of the 2011 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

DIGEST

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Requests the Board of Regents to study current law and board policies and procedures relative to the licensing and regulation of yoga teacher training facilities as proprietary schools, determine if such law, policies, and procedures provide sufficient authority to the board to make necessary distinctions among programs at such facilities as to those that meet the definition of being a proprietary school and those that do not, and make recommendations concerning any needed changes in law or in board policies and procedures on this issue.

Provides that the Board of Regents shall report in writing on study findings and recommendations to the House education committee by not later than 60 days prior to the start of the 2011 RS.