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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 184

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARMODY AND SCHRODER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to create a commission to study the governance, management, and supervision of public postsecondary education and to submit to the legislature a plan for reorganization of the governance, management, and supervision of postsecondary education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, in the past two regular sessions, the legislature has considered bills to consolidate governance of public postsecondary education and reduce the number of governing boards; and

WHEREAS, governance of postsecondary education has been a perennial issue faced by the legislature at least since the adoption of the current state constitution; and

WHEREAS, there is general agreement that there are problems with the current arrangement but there has never been a general agreement on a solution; and

WHEREAS, it is logical, reasonable, and imperative that postsecondary education institutions work within a cohesive and comprehensive governance framework that maximizes the application of scarce resources to the benefit of their students.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to create a commission to study the governance, management, and supervision of public postsecondary education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the demographic composition of the commission shall reflect that of the population of the state with respect to race, gender, and ethnicity and the commission shall be comprised of the following:

- (1) Four members appointed by the Board of Regents.
- (2) One member appointed by each of the four public postsecondary education management boards.

(3) The chairman of the Workforce Investment Council.

(4) Five members appointed by the governor.

(5) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.

(6) One member of the Senate Committee on Education, appointed by the chairman thereof.

(7) The chairman of the House Committee on Education.

(8) One member of the House Committee on Education, appointed by the chairman thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include examination of how an improved governance structure would result in:

(1) More efficient use of resources by eliminating duplicative management arrangements and personnel.

(2) The improvement of student success by better alignment of student interest and abilities with appropriate institutional and credential options.

(3) Better integration of education at all secondary and postsecondary levels through development of a complete articulation and transfer plan.

(4) More fair and equitable service to all institutions through better representation in the management structure and fuller recognition and support for the special missions and needs of historically black colleges and universities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that based on its study, the commission shall prepare and submit to the legislature a plan for the reorganization of the governance, management, and supervision of postsecondary education, which plan shall include not only a proposal for a basic structural arrangement of entities, offices, and institutions but also:

(1) Evaluation and conclusions regarding creation of a single board to govern public postsecondary institutions.

(2) A detailed articulation of the distribution of authority and responsibilities among entities, offices, and institutions.

(3) Recommendations for the proper mechanism for setting tuition and suggestions regarding the proper balance of state general funds and tuition as means of funding postsecondary education.

(4) Proposals regarding the distribution formula of state general funds and the relative importance of equity and performance in that formula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission shall submit the plan to the Legislature of Louisiana not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted to the chairman of the Board of Regents.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE