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DIGEST

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SB No. 284

Proposed law merges the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the Louisiana Technical College with South Louisiana Community College and transfers all funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions relative to these technical college campuses to South Louisiana Community College, effective July 1, 2012, or at the appropriate time thereafter as determined by formal action taken by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges (LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors). Further provides that each such campus shall be considered a part of, and under the management of, the La. Technical College until the merger of each campus is effected.

Proposed law provides that all GRAD Act performance agreements currently in effect between the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses and South Louisiana Community College and the Bd. of Regents shall remain in effect until such time as the performance agreement between South La. Community College and the Bd. of Regents is modified to reflect the expanded mission of that institution and such modified performance agreement is certified by the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors.

Proposed law provides that South La. Community College shall provide educational programs and services through the locations and facilities that served as the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College and through any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of South La. Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Proposed law provides that any student enrolled in a program or course of study at the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, or Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College shall be permitted to complete such program or course of study at no greater cost or conditions than those applicable to the student prior to the merger of such campuses with South La. Community College, provided all applicable aid and scholarships are first applied to the student's cost of attendance and the student completes his program or course of study within two years of such merger.

Proposed law provides that the LCTCS Bd. of Supervisors shall review the programs and employees of the Acadian, Charles B. Coreil, Evangeline, Gulf Area, Lafayette, T. H. Harris, and Teche Area campuses of the La. Technical College and South La. Community College and provide for an employee transition at all affected institutions and campuses consistent with effective and efficient delivery of educational services and the expanded mission of South La. Community College.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1994(C) and 3217.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill.

1. Changes proposed law to specify that the time at which the merger of institutions and transfer of funds, obligations, property, programs, facilities, and functions is effective from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2012, or at the appropriate time thereafter as determined by formal action taken by the LCTCS board.