

1 the score and GPA differ based on the university's classification; for admission to the
2 flagship university, a student must have a minimum GPA on the core courses of 3.0 or a
3 minimum ACT score of 25; for admission to a statewide university, a student must have a
4 minimum GPA on the core courses of 2.5 or a minimum ACT score of 23; and for admission
5 to a regional university, a student must have a minimum GPA on the core courses of 2.0 or
6 a minimum ACT score of 20; and

7 WHEREAS, according to the Master Plan for Public Postsecondary Education in
8 Louisiana: 2011, the University of New Orleans (UNO) is a comprehensive university with
9 a mission to educate undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of arts, sciences, and
10 professional programs and to conduct research in these fields; and

11 WHEREAS, UNO attracted nearly fifty million dollars in extramural research and
12 training awards in Fiscal Year 2016 and is classified by the Carnegie Classification of
13 Institutions of Higher Education as a doctoral research university with higher research, one
14 of only two Louisiana universities with this classification, which is the second highest
15 Carnegie status that can be achieved; and

16 WHEREAS, under the current Board of Regents classification system and associated
17 admission standards, there are those who question whether UNO is able to properly fulfill
18 its mission for the New Orleans Metropolitan Statistical Area, which had a 2016 population
19 of approximately one million two hundred fifty thousand persons and an average ACT score
20 of 19.7 for the 2015-2016 school year, and who believe that a new classification of urban
21 research institution is necessary to provide sufficient opportunities to conduct applied
22 research while serving both regional and state citizens electing to pursue education and
23 training at UNO, the city's only public research institution.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 urge and request the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors for the University of
26 Louisiana System to study jointly the possibility of revising the classification and admission
27 standards of the University of New Orleans and to submit a report of their findings and
28 recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on
29 Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2018 Regular Session of the
30 Legislature.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
2 to the chairman of the Board of Regents, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman
3 of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the president of the
4 University of Louisiana System, and the president of the University of New Orleans.

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