

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY REPRESENTATIVE JORDAN

COLLEGES/SOUTHERN U: Requests that the Southern University Board of Supervisors submit a proposal to the Board of Regents for establishing an associate of applied science degree program in process technology and that the Board of Regents approve it

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and  
3 Mechanical College to submit a proposal to the Board of Regents for the  
4 establishment of an associate of applied science degree program in process  
5 technology for students enrolled in Southern University at Shreveport, which would  
6 be provided on the campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge through the  
7 Southern University College Connect Program, and to urge and request the Board  
8 of Regents to approve the proposal.

9 WHEREAS, an associate of applied science degree program in process technology,  
10 commonly known as PTEC, is a program that trains students to become process technicians  
11 who control and monitor the systems that run industrial plants; and

12 WHEREAS, an additional PTEC program offered at a postsecondary education  
13 institution in the Baton Rouge region would help area students prepare to obtain high paying  
14 jobs and would help to meet expanding workforce demands for process technicians in  
15 industries including the chemical, oil and gas, and pharmaceutical industries; and

16 WHEREAS, there is great interest in establishing a PTEC program on the campus  
17 of Southern University at Baton Rouge (SUBR); and

18 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana grants certain  
19 powers relating to public institutions of postsecondary education to the Board of Regents,  
20 including the power to approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree program;

1 therefore, in order to establish an associate of applied science degree program in PTEC, the  
2 Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College must  
3 seek and obtain the approval of the Board of Regents; and

4 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has issued a moratorium on the consideration of  
5 proposed associate degree programs at four-year institutions; and

6 WHEREAS, one avenue for the establishment of such a program on the campus of  
7 SUBR, which is a four-year institution, is to provide this instruction through the Southern  
8 University College Connect Program; and

9 WHEREAS, under this model, students would be admitted to and enroll in Southern  
10 University at Shreveport (SUSLA), their home campus, but would receive instruction at  
11 SUBR, their host campus; and

12 WHEREAS, a PTEC program for SUSLA students offered in Baton Rouge through  
13 the Southern University College Connect Program would offer a rigorous study of various  
14 process technologies and would prepare students to work in this growing and high demand  
15 field; and

16 WHEREAS, in order to train students with the hands-on skills they need to enter the  
17 workforce and to satisfy the hiring demands of Louisiana industries in plants, refineries, and  
18 other industrial facilities, it is appropriate that an associate of applied science degree  
19 program in process technology be established at Southern University at Shreveport and  
20 provided at Southern University at Baton Rouge through the Southern University College  
21 Connect Program.

22 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
23 urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and  
24 Mechanical College to submit a proposal to the Board of Regents for the approval of the  
25 establishment of an associate of applied science degree program in process technology for  
26 students enrolled in Southern University at Shreveport, which would be provided on the  
27 campus of Southern University at Baton Rouge through the Southern University College  
28 Connect Program.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature hereby urges and requests the  
30 Board of Regents to approve the proposal.

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
2 to the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and  
3 Mechanical College and the chairman of the Board of Regents.

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DIGEST

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Requests that the Southern University (SU) Bd. of Supervisors submit a proposal to the Bd. of Regents for the approval of an associate of applied science degree program in process technology for students enrolled in SU at Shreveport, which would be provided on the campus of SU at Baton Rouge through the SU College Connect Program, and requests that the Bd. of Regents approve the proposal.