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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY SENATOR CHABERT

COMMITTEE STUDIES. Requests the Board of Regents to create the Higher Education Maritime Campus Consortium Task Force.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Board of Regents to create the Higher Education Maritime Campus
3	Consortium Task Force.
4	WHEREAS, the maritime industry within the state of Louisiana contributes to the
5	state and federal economy with an estimated one-in-five jobs in the state being connected
6	to the maritime industry; and
7	WHEREAS, jobs within the maritime industry are annually identified as providing
8	high wages and being in high demand; and
9	WHEREAS, Louisiana ranks first nationally in waterborne commerce, accounting
10	for twenty percent of the national total; and
11	WHEREAS, our higher education institutions are key partners in the training of
12	citizens to fill these jobs, providing innovations within this industry sector, and providing
13	opportunities for growth in this industry sector; and
14	WHEREAS, various higher education institutions across south Louisiana have assets
15	aimed toward meeting the needs of this industry sector, but additional assets and alignment
16	across higher education systems will be necessary to support and grow the maritime industry
17	within the state; and
18	WHEREAS, the establishment of consortia and similar centers for collaborative

1 efforts has proven to be an effective method to focus efforts and provide resources to meet 2 critical market demands; and 3 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is charged by the Constitution of Louisiana with 4 coordinating the efforts of the higher education systems and is provided authority relative to the establishment of centers of excellence; and 5 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has led ongoing, informal, and collaborative 6 7 efforts involving specific institutions within the University of Louisiana System and the 8 Louisiana Community and Technical College System. 9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 10 urge and request that the Board of Regents formalize its existing workgroup through the 11 establishment of the Higher Education Maritime Campus Consortium Task Force. 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study the needs and 13 opportunities relative to the creation of a maritime campus and center and to make 14 recommendations regarding its establishment, operations, and cross-system collaboration. 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the 16 following members: (1) The commissioner of higher education or his designee. 17 18 (2) The chancellor of Fletcher Technical Community College or his designee. 19 (3) The president of Nicholls State University or his designee. (4) The chancellor of Delgado Community College or his designee. 20 (5) The chancellor of Northshore Technical Community College or his designee. 21 (6) The president of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette or his designee. 22 (7) The chancellor of South Louisiana Community College or his designee. 23 24 (8) The chancellor of Southwest Louisiana Technical Community College or his 25 designee. (9) The executive director of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium for 26 27 Research and Education or his designee. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that five members of the task force shall constitute 28 29 a quorum sufficient to conduct the meetings and business of the task force. The task force 30 shall elect a chairman from its membership and may seek and receive assistance from SLS 19RS-1268

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colleges and universities, as well as the Board of Regents, with regard to data necessary for the fulfillment of their duties. The members of the task force shall serve without additional compensation; however, the task force may receive the same reimbursement of travel expenses for attending meetings as is allowed for state employee travel.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall study the need for the establishment of a maritime campus and center and make recommendations with respect to its establishment, operations, and investments necessary to ensure the effective delivery of training and support to the maritime industry sector that will assist the industry in continuing to be an economic driver in Louisiana, regionally, nationally, and globally; and to its pathway to achieving demonstrable positive outcomes necessary to seek the Board of Regents' designation as a maritime center of excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall issue a report to the governor of the state of Louisiana, the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House of Representatives, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, and the chairman of the House Committee on Education no later than February 1, 2020, and thereafter as may be requested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of higher education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

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