

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 807

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRASS

FUNDS/FUNDING: Establishes the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program within the La. Community and Technical College System to enhance workforce training programs to meet employer demand in certain industry sectors

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1877, relative to the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program;
3 to provide for establishment and administration of and reporting on the program; to
4 establish a special fund in the state treasury and provide for deposit, use, and
5 investment of monies in the fund; to prohibit program funds from supplanting certain
6 higher education funding; to provide relative to the powers and duties of the Board
7 of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to require reporting; to
8 provide legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for
9 related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. The legislature finds that Louisiana's economic competitiveness depends
12 upon a skilled workforce aligned with high-wage, high-demand industry sectors including
13 construction, manufacturing, healthcare, transportation and logistics, and information
14 technology. It further finds that shortages of qualified instructional personnel limit the
15 ability of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to scale workforce
16 training programs to meet employer demand. It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to
17 establish a flexible investment program to expand instructor capacity and provide
18 rapid-response capability for major economic development projects.

19 Section 2. R.S. 17:1877 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

1 §1877. Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program

2 A. There is hereby established the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment
3 Program, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "program", to promote the
4 expansion of instructional capacity in high-wage, high-demand workforce programs
5 and support shared instructor models between campuses in the Louisiana Community
6 and Technical College System, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "system",
7 and private-sector employers.

8 B. The program shall be administered by the Board of Supervisors of
9 Community and Technical Colleges, hereafter referred to in this Section as the
10 "board". The board shall promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative
11 Procedure Act for the implementation and administration of this program, including
12 establishing eligibility criteria, cost-sharing models, and allocation methodologies
13 and defining qualifying industry sectors. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
14 the contrary, rules promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be
15 submitted to the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on
16 Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on
17 Finance for oversight. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, initial
18 rules for the program may be adopted by emergency rule.

19 C.(1) There is hereby established in the state treasury as a special fund the
20 Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Fund, hereafter referred to in this Section
21 as the "fund". After allocation of money to the Bond Security and Redemption Fund
22 as provided in Article VII, Section 9(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the
23 treasurer shall deposit into the fund any monies transferred or appropriated by the
24 legislature and any monies designated for the fund and received or held by the state
25 treasurer from donations, gifts, grants, or other revenue.

26 (2) All unexpended and unencumbered monies in the fund at the end of the
27 fiscal year shall remain in the fund. The monies in the fund shall be invested by the
28 state treasurer in the same manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned
29 on the investment of monies in the fund shall be credited to the fund.

1 (3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the board for implementation
2 and administration of the program, including but not limited to any of the following:

3 (a) Support of rapid-response instructor deployment tied to major economic
4 development projects.

5 (b) Expedited recruitment incentives.

6 (c) Compensation for temporary or contract-based instructors.

7 (d) Salary differential supplements.

8 (e) Accelerated program expansion.

9 (4) Monies appropriated from the fund shall not be used to displace, replace,
10 or supplant any state general fund appropriations to public, post-secondary education
11 institutions under the supervision and management of the board.

12 D. The board shall submit an annual report no later than forty-five days prior
13 to the regular session of the legislature to the House Committee on Education, the
14 Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the
15 Senate Committee on Finance detailing the amount of funds allocated by the
16 program, the industry sectors supported, the number of instructors supported, the
17 number of rapid-response deployments, and the number of credentials produced.

18 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
19 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
20 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
21 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
22 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program ("program") in the La. Community and Technical College System ("system") for expansion of instructional capacity in high-wage, high-demand workforce programs.

Proposed law establishes the program within the system to promote the expansion of instructional capacity in high-wage, high-demand workforce programs and support shared instructor models between system campuses and private-sector employers.

Proposed law authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the system ("board") to promulgate rules pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation and administration of the program, including establishing eligibility criteria, cost-sharing models, and allocation methodologies and defining qualifying industry sectors. Authorizes initial rules for the program to be adopted by emergency rule. Establishes legislative oversight committees for program rules.

Proposed law establishes the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Fund ("fund") as a special fund in the state treasury. Authorizes deposit by the treasurer of gifts, grants, and donations to the fund as well as any monies appropriated or transferred by the legislature. Provides for deposit and investment of monies in the fund.

Requires appropriation of monies in the fund to the board for implementation and administration of the program, including but not limited to any of the following:

- (1) Support of rapid-response instructor deployment tied to major economic development projects.
- (2) Expedited recruitment incentives.
- (3) Compensation for temporary or contract-based instructors.
- (4) Salary differential supplements.
- (5) Accelerated program expansion.

Proposed law prohibits monies appropriated from the fund from being used to displace, replace, or supplant any state general fund appropriations to system institutions.

Proposed law requires the board to submit an annual report no later than 45 days prior to the regular session of the legislature to the House and Senate Committees on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance detailing certain metrics for the program.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:1877)