

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 905

BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT

HIGHER EDUCATION: Changes the name of the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217(B)(1), relative to the Universities of Louisiana Maritime
3 Academy; to provide for the name of the program; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:3217(B)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §3217. University of Louisiana System

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8 B.(1) A state maritime academy, the ~~Universities of Louisiana Maritime~~
9 Academy at Nicholls State University, is hereby established for the purposes of
10 leveraging and coordinating existing maritime programs and facilities, providing for
11 the training of merchant marine officers, and providing for additional educational
12 pathways aligned with the workforce needs of the maritime industry.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the name of the Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy.

Present law provides for the University of La. System, composed of the postsecondary education institutions under the supervision and management of the system's board of supervisors.

Present law establishes a state maritime academy under the supervision and management of the board of supervisors for the following purposes:

- (1) Coordinating existing maritime programs and facilities.
- (2) Training merchant marine officers.
- (3) Providing additional educational pathways aligned with the workforce needs of the maritime industry.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law changes name of academy from Universities of Louisiana Maritime Academy to Louisiana Maritime Academy at Nicholls State University.

(Amends R.S. 17:3217(B)(1))