

ACT No. 844

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HOUSE BILL NO. 807

BY REPRESENTATIVES BRASS, ADAMS, BERAULT, BILLINGS, BOUDREAUX, BOURRIAQUE, BOYD, BROUSSARD, CARPENTER, WILFORD CARTER, CARVER, CHASSION, EGAN, FISHER, FREEMAN, FREIBERG, GREEN, DANA HENRY, JACKSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KNOX, LAFLEUR, TERRY LANDRY, LARVADAIN, LYONS, MACK, MARTINEZ, MENA, MURRAY, NEWELL, SAWYER, TAYLOR, TURNER, AND YOUNG AND SENATORS BARROW, BOUDREAUX, CARTER, CATHEY, HARRIS, JACKSON-ANDREWS, JENKINS, LUNEAU, MILLER, MIZELL, PRICE, AND REESE

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, the Board of Supervisors of
8 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board
9 of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; to
10 require reporting; to provide legislative findings; to provide for an effective date; and
11 to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. The legislature finds that Louisiana's economic competitiveness depends
14 upon a skilled workforce aligned with high-wage, high-demand industry sectors including
15 construction, manufacturing, healthcare, transportation and logistics, and information
16 technology. It further finds that shortages of qualified instructional personnel limit the
17 ability of the two-year public institutions to scale workforce training programs to meet
18 employer demand. It is therefore the intent of the Legislature to establish a flexible

1 investment program to expand instructor capacity and provide rapid-response capability for
2 major economic development projects.

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

4 §1877. Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program

5 A. There is hereby established the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment
6 Program, hereafter referred to in this Section as the "program", to promote the
7 expansion of instructional capacity in high-wage, high-demand workforce programs
8 and support shared instructor models between two-year public institutions and
9 private sector employers.

10 B. The program shall be administered by the Board of Supervisors of
11 Community and Technical Colleges, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
12 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors
13 of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, hereafter referred
14 to in this Section as the "boards". The boards shall promulgate rules in accordance
15 with the Administrative Procedure Act for the implementation and administration of
16 this program, including establishing eligibility criteria, cost-sharing models, and
17 allocation methodologies and defining qualifying industry sectors. Notwithstanding
18 any provision of law to the contrary, rules promulgated pursuant to the provisions of
19 this Section shall be submitted to the House Committee on Education, the Senate
20 Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate
21 Committee on Finance for oversight. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
22 contrary, initial rules for the program may be adopted through the emergency
23 rulemaking procedure provided for in R.S. 49:962.

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

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

5 (3) Monies in the fund shall be appropriated to the boards for
6 implementation and administration of the program, including but not limited to any
7 of the following:

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

10 (b) Expedited recruitment incentives.

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

12 (d) Salary differential supplements.

13 (e) Accelerated program expansion.

14 (4) Monies appropriated from the fund shall not be used to displace, replace,
15 or supplant any state general fund appropriations to public postsecondary education
16 institutions under the supervision and management of the boards.

17 (5) The legislature finds that Louisiana faces significant shortages in
18 healthcare and allied health professions, particularly in rural and undeserved areas,
19 and that expanding instructor capacity in healthcare programs is critical to meeting
20 statewide workforce demands.

21 D. The boards shall submit an annual report no later than forty-five days
22 prior to the regular session of the legislature to the House Committee on Education,
23 the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and
24 the Senate Committee on Finance detailing the amount of funds allocated by the
25 program, the industry sectors supported, the number of instructors supported, the
26 number of rapid-response deployments, and the number of credentials produced.

27 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
28 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
29 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
2 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____