

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 52

BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHEXNAYDER

COLLEGES/COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL: Requests that the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and Board of Regents study and report relative to changes needed for community and technical colleges in response to COVID-19

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the  
3 Board of Regents to study and make recommendations relative to any academic,  
4 operational, structural, or technological changes that should be considered for the  
5 institutions of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System in response  
6 to COVID-19 and to submit to the speaker of the Louisiana House of  
7 Representatives and the House Committee on Education an initial written report by  
8 June 2, 2020, and final written report by not later than 60 days prior to the 2021  
9 Regular Session of the Legislature.

10 WHEREAS, COVID-19 has dramatically altered the ways that the people of  
11 Louisiana work and learn; and

12 WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 on the state, national, and global economy has  
13 been significant, will continue for some time, and will require creative strategies to ensure  
14 that Louisiana continues to meet the needs of students and employers through the delivery  
15 of educational services; and

16 WHEREAS, Louisiana's community and technical colleges are faced with a  
17 landscape that has shifted dramatically in terms of educational delivery, funding, and market  
18 demands; and

1           WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the state to move decisively and strategically in  
2 order to ensure that Louisiana is a leader in the development of talent that will drive the  
3 state's economy; and

4           WHEREAS, the ability of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
5 (LCTCS) to succeed in fulfilling its mission to rapidly train the workforce of today and  
6 prepare students for transferring to state universities is more important than ever due to the  
7 need to rapidly stimulate the state's economy; and

8           WHEREAS, there is a growing need for the provision of online education, which will  
9 require strategic investments and creative strategies to ensure that rural areas both increase  
10 and maintain opportunities for rural students to access this education; and

11           WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, as the  
12 LCTCS management board, and the Board of Regents, as the coordinating body for  
13 postsecondary education, are best positioned to evaluate and make recommendations relative  
14 to how LCTCS institutions can continue to effectively fulfill their mission in a landscape  
15 significantly altered by COVID-19.

16           THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request Board of Supervisors of Community  
18 and Technical Colleges and the Board of Regents to study and make recommendations  
19 relative to any academic, operational, structural, or technological changes that should be  
20 considered for the institutions of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System  
21 in response to COVID-19.

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting this study, the boards shall  
23 consider how to minimize administrative costs while broadening access to education  
24 provided by LCTCS institutions and not closing any LCTCS campuses.

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any monetary savings derived from the  
26 implementation of recommendations resulting from this study shall be used to continue  
27 fulfillment of the LCTCS mission statewide.

28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the two boards shall either separately or jointly  
29 submit a written report of findings, including any recommendations for changes in policy  
30 or state law relative to the issues studied, to the speaker of the Louisiana House of

1 Representatives and the House Committee on Education; an initial report shall be submitted  
2 not later than June 2, 2020, and a final report shall be submitted not later than sixty days  
3 prior to the beginning of the 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
5 chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the chairman  
6 of the Board of Regents, and the commissioner of higher education.

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DIGEST

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Requests that the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and Bd. of Regents study and make recommendations relative to any changes that should be considered for the institutions of the La. Community and Technical College System in response to COVID-19 and submit to the speaker and the House Education Committee an initial report of findings by June 2, 2020, and a final report by not later than 60 days prior to the 21RS.