

1 limited to aspects of the conduct of fire and emergency training and training programs,
2 prioritization of training, personnel; and

3 WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1563 et seq. mandates the state fire marshal take all steps
4 necessary and proper to protect life and property from the hazards of fire and of panic which
5 may arise from fire, the threat of fire, or explosion to include fire prevention, arson and fire
6 investigation, and emergency response; and

7 WHEREAS, the office of state fire marshal conducts internal and external training
8 related to fire prevention, life safety inspection, and arson and fire investigation; and

9 WHEREAS, modern day business practices, as well as accountability, both with
10 funds and personnel, are paramount, and the collaborative sharing of resources bring about
11 improved public safety; and

12 WHEREAS, it is believed that both Louisiana State University and the office of state
13 fire marshal are both fully committed to creating and improving firefighter and emergency
14 training in the state of Louisiana; and

15 WHEREAS, it is believed that these collaborative efforts between Louisiana State
16 University and the office of state fire marshal should ultimately result in the statutory
17 obligation for firefighter and emergency training being transferred from Louisiana State
18 University to the office of state fire marshal.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 urge and request that Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal, working
21 together, enter into the necessary agreements to enhance the training of firefighters to reduce
22 the number of fatalities in the state of Louisiana, reduce the costs of fire prevention and fire
23 suppression, and reduce the costs associated with property damage caused by fire or
24 explosion.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26 chairman of the Louisiana Fire and Emergency Training Commission and the state fire
27 marshal.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests Louisiana State University and the office of state fire marshal to work together to agree upon firefighter training enhancements to reduce fatalities and costs.