

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 844 (HB 807)

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New law establishes the Workforce Instructor Capacity Investment Program to promote the expansion of instructional capacity in high-wage, high-demand workforce programs and support shared instructor models between two-year public institutions (institutions) and private-sector employers.

New law authorizes the management boards of the La. Community and Technical College System, the LSU System, and the Southern University System (boards) to promulgate rules for program implementation and administration, including establishing eligibility criteria, cost-sharing models, and allocation methodologies and defining qualifying industry sectors.

New 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 boards for program implementation and administration, including but not limited to 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.

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

New law requires the boards 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 (June 8, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 17:1877)