

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE BILL NO. 69

BY SENATOR NEVERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

POSTSECONDARY ED. Creates the Northshore Technical Community College. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:3230, relative to postsecondary education; to provide for the creation of the Northshore Technical Community College; to provide with respect to the management, supervision, and operation of the institution; to provide with respect to program offerings; to provide for the awarding of certificates, diplomas, and degrees; to provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to provide relative to accreditation; to provide reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3217.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3230 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3217.1. Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges system

A. The Louisiana Community and Technical College System is composed of the institutions under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges as follows:

(1) Baton Rouge Community College.

(2) Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier Parish.

(3) Delgado Community College.

(4) Elaine P. Nunez Community College.

(5) L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College.

(6) Louisiana Delta Community College.

(7) Northshore Technical Community College.

~~(7)~~**(8)** River Parishes Community College.

~~(8)~~**(9)** South Louisiana Community College.

~~(9)~~**(10)** Sowela Technical Community College.

~~(10)~~**(11)** All public postsecondary technical colleges which provide vocational-technical education.

~~(11)~~**(12)** Any other community college, technical college, or other institution or program now or hereafter under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

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§3230. Northshore Technical Community College; creation, management, and operation

A. (1) Pursuant to the authority granted the legislature by Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3) of the Constitution of Louisiana to create a new institution by law enacted by two-thirds of the elected members of each house, the Northshore Technical Community College is hereby created and established as a multi-campus, public institution of postsecondary education. The institution and its programs shall be under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, subject to the appropriate approval of and oversight by the Board of Regents.

(2) The institution shall provide a comprehensive educational program to meet the needs of the students and communities within its primary service delivery area. Such program may include career and technical education and training, workforce development training, adult basic education, continuing

1 education, general education, associate degree programs, college transfer degree
2 programs, and other educational programs and opportunities.

3 B. The Northshore Technical Community College may grant certificates,
4 diplomas, associate degrees, and associate transfer degrees as authorized by the
5 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the
6 appropriate regional accrediting body as recognized by the United States
7 Department of Education.

8 C. The Northshore Technical Community College shall provide
9 educational programs and services through the Florida Parishes Campus, the
10 Hammond Area Campus, and the Sullivan Campus of the Louisiana Technical
11 College, and any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become
12 a part of the Northshore Technical Community College or its primary service
13 delivery area.

14 D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and
15 the Board of Regents shall work closely with the Northshore Technical
16 Community College and the appropriate accrediting body to ensure that the
17 institution and all program offerings are fully accredited.

18 E. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall
19 submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House
20 Committee on Education relative to the status of the Northshore Technical
21 Community College, not later than January 1, 2012.

22 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
23 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
24 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
25 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
26 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Proposed law creates the Northshore Technical Community College as a multi-campus, public institution of postsecondary education under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, subject to the appropriate approval of and oversight by the Board of Regents.

Provides that the Northshore Technical Community College:

1. Shall provide a comprehensive educational program which may include career and technical education and training, workforce development training, adult basic education, continuing education, general education, associate degree programs, college transfer degree programs, and other educational programs and opportunities.
2. May grant certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, and associate transfer degrees as authorized by the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the appropriate regional accrediting body as recognized by the U.S. Dept. of Education.
3. Shall provide educational programs and services through the Florida Parishes Campus, the Hammond Area Campus, and the Sullivan Campus of the Louisiana Technical College, and any other postsecondary campus or institution which may become a part of the Northshore Technical Community College or its primary service delivery area.

Requires the LCTCS Board of Supervisors and the Board of Regents to work closely with the Northshore Technical Community College and the appropriate accrediting body to ensure that the institution and all program offerings are fully accredited.

Requires the LCTCS Board of Supervisors to submit a written report to the Senate and House education committees relative to the status of the Northshore Technical Community College, not later than January 1, 2012 .

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3217.1(A); adds R.S. 17:3230)