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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Board of Regents and LCTCS to study the feasibility of merging Capital Area Technical College and Baton Rouge Community College.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to study the feasibility of merging Capital Area Technical 3 College and Baton Rouge Community College in order to more adequately address 4 5 the educational needs of students and the economic and workforce development 6 needs of the greater Baton Rouge area. 7 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(2) of the Constitution of Louisiana provides, 8 relative to public institutions of postsecondary education, that it is a power, duty, and 9 responsibility of the Board of Regents to approve a proposed degree program, department 10 of instruction, division, or similar subdivision; and WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(a) of the Constitution of Louisiana further 11 provides that it also is a power, duty, and responsibility of the board to study the need for 12 13 and feasibility of creating a new institution of postsecondary education or merging institutions; and 14 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana 15 specifies that if the creation of a new institution or a merger is proposed, the Board of 16 Regents shall report its written findings and recommendations to the legislature within one 17 year and specifies further that only after the report has been filed, or after one year from the 18

1	receipt of a request for a report from the legislature if no report is filed, may the legislature
2	take affirmative action on such a proposal and then only by a law enacted by two-thirds of
3	the elected members of each house; and
4	WHEREAS, community college services, provided through the Louisiana
5	Community and Technical College System, have proven effective in serving individuals and
6	communities by offering targeted academic programs, technical education, and occupational
7	training programs designed to meet the state's workforce and economic development needs;
8	and
9	WHEREAS, the merger of Capital Area Technical College and Baton Rouge
10	Community College will more adequately address the educational needs of students and the
11	economic and workforce development needs in the greater Baton Rouge area; and
12	WHEREAS, the merger of Capital Area Technical College and Baton Rouge
13	Community College will provide access to improved opportunities and offerings to an under-
14	served area of the state.
15	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16	urge and request the Board of Regents and the Board of Supervisors of Community and
17	Technical Colleges to study the feasibility of merging Capital Area Technical College and
18	Baton Rouge Community College in order to more adequately address the educational needs
19	of students and the economic and workforce development needs of the greater Baton Rouge
20	area.
21	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana further requests the
22	Board of Regents to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the
23	Senate Committee on Education and House Committee on Education, not later than sixty
24	days prior to the beginning of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature.
25	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
26	commissioner of higher education, the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical
27	College System, the regional director of Capital Area Technical College, and the chancellor

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of Baton Rouge Community College.

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The original instrument was prepared by Nancy Vicknair. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Jeanne Johnston.

DIGEST

Dorsey-Colomb SCR No. 17

Requests the Bd. of Regents and the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to study the feasibility of merging Capital Area Technical College and Baton Rouge Community College.

Further requests the Bd. of Regents to submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate and House committees on education not later than 60 days prior to the 2013 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

<u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill</u>

1. Makes technical changes.