

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Requests the Board of Regents to study and report on the reorganization of the governance of La. public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher as proposed by HB No. 927 of the 2012 R.S.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to review the current placement of Louisiana
3 public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level
4 and higher in either the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University
5 System, or the University of Louisiana System, to study the benefits to public
6 postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of Louisiana that can be
7 achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure
8 proposed by House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of
9 Louisiana, and to report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and
10 recommendations.

11 WHEREAS, R.S. 17:3215 through 3217 places each of the state's public colleges and
12 universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the
13 Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, or the University of
14 Louisiana System; and

15 WHEREAS, House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session was introduced to
16 reorganize this structure by moving certain colleges and universities from one public
17 postsecondary education management board to another; and

18 WHEREAS, when House Bill No. 927 was considered by the House Committee on
19 Education, legal counsel to the Board of Regents testified that any action by the legislature
20 on this matter was premature due to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the

1 Constitution of Louisiana which provides for the board to study any such proposed
2 reorganization and to report its recommendations; and

3 WHEREAS, despite the volumes and volumes of studies done in the last several
4 years by the Board of Regents relative to the governance, management, supervision, and
5 organization of public postsecondary education in our state, the author of House Bill No. 927
6 voluntarily deferred further consideration of the bill to permit the board to conduct yet
7 another study in order to make its recommendation on the merits of the proposed legislation.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to review the
10 current placement of Louisiana public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees
11 at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the Louisiana State University System, the
12 Southern University System, or the University of Louisiana System, to study the benefits to
13 public postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of Louisiana that can be
14 achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure proposed by
15 House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, and to
16 report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the legislature as
17 provided by R.S. 24:771 and 772 and to the House Committee on Education by not later than
18 sixty days prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature of
19 Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be distributed to
21 the chairman of the Board of Regents and to the commissioner of higher education.

DIGEST

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Requests the Board of Regents to review the current placement of La. public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the LSU System, the SU System, or the UL System, study the benefits to public postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of La. that can be achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure proposed by HB No. 927 of the 2012 R.S., and to report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the legislature as provided by R.S. 24:771 and 772 and to the legislative education committees by not later than 60 days prior to the 2013 R.S.