

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 92

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHAMPAGNE

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests the Board of Regents to study executive compensation at the university system offices and boards

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to study executive compensation at the university
3 system offices and boards and to report its findings to the legislature at least sixty
4 days prior to the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana is currently faced with the challenge of
6 closing a projected \$895 million shortfall and balancing a \$25.6 billion budget, is regularly
7 faced with such challenges, and is forced to look at postsecondary education as a place to
8 find savings; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2011-2012, the state of Louisiana's public postsecondary education
10 budget was \$3.012 billion; and

11 WHEREAS, the Southern Regional Education Board's *Fact Book on Higher*
12 *Education* for 2011 reports that the average annual salary for a CEO/single institution in
13 Southern states is \$299,796 as compared to \$284,753 for all 50 states and D.C.; and

14 WHEREAS, the need for transparency with respect to the expenditure of public funds
15 is self-evident; and

16 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana gives the Board
17 of Regents the power to "formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for
18 postsecondary education" which shall "include a formula for equitable distribution of funds
19 to the institutions of postsecondary education"; and

20 WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 12 of the Constitution of Louisiana requires
21 appropriation of postsecondary education funds to the management boards and

1 administration of those funds by those boards, so the legislature cannot be assured of
2 equitable distribution to the institutions without accurate information on administrative costs
3 of the system; and

4 WHEREAS, House Bill Number 173 as proposed in the 2011 Regular Session of the
5 Legislature requested that the Board of Regents make information pertaining to the salaries
6 of system presidents available to the management boards of systems in the state of Louisiana
7 and set caps on those salaries.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request that the Board of Regents conduct a study of compensation for
10 postsecondary system presidents and other system officers and board members, recognizing
11 that such compensation encompasses not only base salaries but also personal emoluments,
12 including but not limited to car or housing allowances.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Regents shall identify peer systems and
14 the computation of system executives based upon the most recent data available from the
15 Southern Regional Education Board, or if not available from the Southern Regional
16 Education Board, then from such reliable source or sources as the Board of Regents selects.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the legislature requests the Board of Regents
18 to report its findings to the legislature at least sixty days prior to the convening of the 2013
19 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
21 commissioner of higher education and the chairman of the Board of Regents.

DIGEST

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