

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 93

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, when House Bill No. 927 was considered by the House Committee on Education, legal counsel to the Board of Regents testified that any action by the legislature on this matter was premature due to the provisions of Article VIII, Section 5(D)(3)(b) of the Constitution of Louisiana which provides for the board to study any such proposed reorganization and to report its recommendations; and

WHEREAS, despite the volumes and volumes of studies done in the last several years by the Board of Regents relative to the governance, management, supervision, and organization of public postsecondary education in our state, the author of House Bill No. 927

voluntarily deferred further consideration of the bill to permit the board to conduct yet another study in order to make its recommendation on the merits of the proposed legislation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to review the current placement of Louisiana public colleges and universities that offer academic degrees at the baccalaureate level and higher in either the Louisiana State University System, the Southern University System, or the University of Louisiana System, to study the benefits to public postsecondary education in our state and to the citizens of Louisiana that can be achieved by reorganizing the existing structure to the organizational structure proposed by House Bill No. 927 of the 2012 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana, 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 House Committee on Education by not later than sixty days prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES