

SENATE BILL NO. 247

BY SENATOR LONG

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3217.1(A) and to enact R.S. 17:3232, relative to
3 postsecondary education; to provide for the creation of the Central Louisiana
4 Technical Community College; to provide with respect to the management,
5 supervision, and operation of the institution; to provide with respect to program
6 offerings; to provide for the awarding of certificates, diplomas, and degrees; to
7 provide for the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Regents and the Board of
8 Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges; to provide relative to
9 accreditation; to provide with respect to performance agreements with the Board of
10 Regents; to provide reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

11 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

12 Section 1. R.S. 17:3217.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 17:3232 is
13 hereby enacted to read as follows:

14 §3217.1. Louisiana Community and Technical College system

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

18 (1) Baton Rouge Community College.

19 (2) Bossier Parish Community College in Bossier Parish.

20 **(3) Central Louisiana Technical Community College.**

21 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** Delgado Community College.

22 ~~(4)~~ **(5)** Elaine P. Nunez Community College.

23 ~~(5)~~ **(6)** L.E. Fletcher Technical Community College.

24 ~~(6)~~ **(7)** Louisiana Delta Community College.

25 ~~(7)~~ **(8)** Northshore Technical Community College.

26 ~~(8)~~ **(9)** River Parishes Community College.

27 ~~(9)~~ **(10)** South Louisiana Community College.

(10) (11) Sowela Technical Community College.

(11) (12) All public postsecondary technical colleges which provide vocational-technical education.

(12) (13) 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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§3232. Central Louisiana 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 and effective July 1, 2012, or at the appropriate time thereafter as determined by formal action taken by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the Central Louisiana 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 Central Louisiana Technical Community College shall provide a comprehensive educational program that meets 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 education, general education, associate degree programs, college transfer degree programs, and other educational programs and opportunities.

B. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College may grant certificates, diplomas, associate degrees, and associate transfer degrees as authorized by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the appropriate regional accrediting body as recognized by the United

1 **States Department of Education.**

2 **C. The Central Louisiana Technical Community College shall provide**
3 **educational programs and services through the location and facilities that**
4 **served as the Alexandria campus, the Avoyelles campus, the Huey P. Long**
5 **campus, the Lamar Salter campus, the Oakdale campus, and the Shelby M.**
6 **Jackson campus of the Louisiana Technical College prior to the effective date**
7 **of this Section, and through any other postsecondary campus or institution**
8 **which may become a part of the Central Louisiana Technical Community**
9 **College or its primary service delivery area.**

10 **D. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and**
11 **the Board of Regents shall work closely with the Central Louisiana Technical**
12 **Community College and the appropriate accrediting body to ensure that the**
13 **institution and all program offerings are fully accredited. Appropriations for**
14 **the Central Louisiana Technical Community College for Fiscal Year 2012-2013**
15 **and for each subsequent fiscal year until the college earns regional accreditation**
16 **shall not be less than the appropriation for the Alexandria, Avoyelles, Huey P.**
17 **Long, Lamar Salter, Oakdale, and Shelby M. Jackson campuses of the**
18 **Louisiana Technical College available on July 1, 2011.**

19 **E. All performance agreements between the Alexandria, Avoyelles, Huey**
20 **P. Long, Lamar Salter, Oakdale, and the Shelby M. Jackson campuses of the**
21 **Louisiana Technical College and the Board of Regents executed pursuant to the**
22 **provisions of R.S. 17:3139 et seq., prior to the effective date of this Section shall**
23 **remain in effect until such time as the Central Louisiana Technical Community**
24 **College and the Board of Regents enter into a performance agreement and such**
25 **agreement is certified by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical**
26 **Colleges.**

27 **F. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall**
28 **submit a written report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House**
29 **Committee on Education relative to the status of the Central Louisiana**
30 **Technical Community College, not later than January 1, 2013.**

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____