

1 with each other and does nothing to encourage improved performance of each individual
2 institution compared to itself over time or compared to its peer institutions; and

3 WHEREAS, this approach may incentivize state postsecondary education institutions
4 to adapt or modify their academic programs in an effort to maximize funding, possibly
5 damaging the regional or historical educational goals or objectives; and

6 WHEREAS, the ambiguities in the specific formula being implemented make it
7 extremely difficult for institutions to understand how and why some are receiving budget
8 cuts while others are receiving additional funds; and

9 WHEREAS, implementation of the performance-based funding element in the Fiscal
10 Year 2010-2011 budgets is projected to result in additional funding cuts to five institutions
11 in the University of Louisiana System, which are the following: Southeastern Louisiana
12 University, Northwestern State University, Grambling State University, McNeese State
13 University, and Nichols State University; and

14 WHEREAS, the adoption of the new funding formula at a time when the state is
15 facing major budget cuts over the next few years could be highly damaging to institutions,
16 programs, and students.

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18 urge and request that the Board of Regents restructure the performance-based funding
19 formula to better account for the unique roles, scopes, and missions of the state's public
20 postsecondary institutions, their admissions standards, and available resources.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana urges and requests
22 the Board of Regents not to allocate formula funding based upon performance until such
23 improvements to the formula are made.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
25 commissioner of higher education and to each member of the Board of Regents.

DIGEST

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Requests the Board of Regents to restructure the performance-based funding formula to better account for the unique roles, scopes, and missions of the state's public postsecondary institutions, their admissions standards, and available resources and that the board not allocate formula funding based upon performance until such improvements to the formula are made.