

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to conduct a study relative to the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to career and technical education courses and to submit a report of findings and conclusions, including any recommendations for related legislation, to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of Louisiana has demonstrated great interest in the articulation and transfer process in postsecondary education for the past several decades; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 25-A of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides for numerous components of articulation and transfer, including the requirement for a statewide articulation agreement that shall, among other matters, guarantee the statewide articulation of appropriate career and technical education programs and workforce development programs; and

WHEREAS, some have expressed concern about limitations on the transfer of certain career and technical education credits from the community college level to the four-year institution level; and

WHEREAS, in order to further the success of Louisiana's students and strengthen the workforce, it is appropriate that a study be conducted relative to the articulation and transfer process and ways that it can be maximized for the benefit of all students and the state as a whole.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to study the state's articulation and transfer process with respect to career and technical education courses and submit a written report of findings and conclusions to the House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on

Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2024 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include, at minimum, the following:

(1) An explanation of any barriers to articulation and transfer with respect to career and technical education courses.

(2) Strategies for expanding educational options for graduates of community and technical colleges in terms of courses that will transfer to baccalaureate degree programs if students wish to pursue further education and increase opportunities for advancement in the workplace.

(3) Possibilities with respect to designing career and technical education programs in a way that allows articulation and transfer rather than simply aiming for a transition directly to employment.

(4) Recommendations for legislation, if any, necessary to remove barriers or otherwise improve educational and workforce outcomes for Louisiana's students.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE