

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY SENATOR NEVERS

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents to consider the efforts made by public postsecondary educational institutions to effect successful articulation and transfer policies when allocating funds through the postsecondary education funding formula.

WHEREAS, Act 356 of the 2009 Regular Session provides for the development and implementation of articulation and transfer programs and agreements to facilitate and maximize the seamless transfer of credits between and among secondary and postsecondary institutions; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of requiring effective articulation and transfer policies is to provide every student with a clear, direct path to achieving his or her academic goals in the most efficient, timely, and cost-effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, although significant strides have been made in implementing a statewide articulation and transfer system, including the establishment of associate transfer degrees, much remains to be done before a student is able to successfully transfer all eligible credits earned from one postsecondary institution to another; and

WHEREAS, the increasing cost of higher education amid a relatively stagnant economic climate makes it imperative that the state's postsecondary education delivery system be streamlined in a manner that allows students to earn a college degree or other postsecondary credential in the most cost-effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, a greater emphasis on institutional success in implementing effective articulation and transfer policies in the postsecondary education funding formula would provide an incentive for the state's public colleges and universities to increase their efforts in this area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to consider the efforts made by public postsecondary educational institutions to effect successful articulation and transfer policies when allocating funds through the postsecondary education funding formula.

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES