

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 712

BY SENATOR NEVERS

COMMUNITY TECH SYSTEM. Authorizes the LCTCS board to create a Centers of Excellence Program. (8/15/10)

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:1875, relative to postsecondary education; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to create a Centers of Excellence Program; to provide for Board of Regents' approval; to provide with respect to an advisory board; to provide relative to admissions, curriculum, tuition and fees, and other program parameters; to provide relative to funding and other resources to support the program; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:1875 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1875. Centers of Excellence Program; creation; operation; funding

A. The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, with the approval of and in coordination with the Board of Regents, may establish a Centers of Excellence Program to provide customized educational and training programs to meet areas of need as identified by Louisiana business and industry.

B. The board may establish an advisory board composed of not more than seven individuals representing private businesses with high workforce

1 **training demands, which shall have the following duties:**

2 **(1) Assist in the identification of the needs of business and industry.**

3 **(2) Provide consultation regarding admissions, curriculum, equipment**
4 **needs, tuition and fee models, and other aspects of the operation of a Center of**
5 **Excellence as prescribed by the board.**

6 **C.(1) A Center of Excellence may be established only with private sector**
7 **support, including funding or the donation of land or equipment, and shall be**
8 **operated on a business model conducive to real-time market responsiveness**
9 **which provides for flexibility in pricing, service delivery, and administration.**

10 **(2) The board may establish a tuition and fee structure for a Center of**
11 **Excellence that differs from that established for other courses or programs**
12 **offered by institutions within the Louisiana Community and Technical College**
13 **System.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, with the approval of and in coordination with the Board of Regents, to establish a Centers of Excellence Program to provide customized educational and training programs to meet areas of need as identified by Louisiana business and industry.

Authorizes the board to establish an advisory board composed of not more than seven representatives of private businesses with high workforce training demands. Provides that the advisory board shall assist in the identification of the needs of business and industry and provide consultation regarding admissions, curriculum, equipment needs, tuition and fee models, and other aspects of the operation of a Center of Excellence as prescribed by the board.

Provides that a Center of Excellence may be established only with private sector support, including funding and the donation of land or equipment. Further provides that a Center of Excellence shall be operated on a business model conducive to real-time market responsiveness which provides for flexibility in pricing, service delivery, and administration.

Authorizes the board to establish a tuition and fee structure for a Center of Excellence that differs from that established for other courses and programs offered by institutions within the LCTCS system.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Adds R.S. 17:1875)