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Thomas Carmody's HB 87

With only a slight amendment to the language, Representative Carmody's legislation, which would shift tuition authority from the legislature to the higher education management boards, has passed out of committee and is now headed to the House floor. The bill is supported by the SBBA.

Dear Johnette,

Two bills that would shift tuition authority for higher education from the legislature to the management boards are advancing in the legislature. House bill 87 by Thomas Carmody (R-Shreveport) and House Bill 194 by Walt Leger (D- New Orleans) are both headed to the House floor. Word is Carmody's bill has the most support right now.

Senator Robert Adley's (R-Benton) legislation, SB 204, that would provide more than \$250 million for construction projects in the community and technical college system has passed through the Senate and is now headed to House. Although it passed by a wide margin, the bill faces strong opposition from the Board of Regents and State Treasurer John Kennedy. Regents say it bypasses the capital outlay process and will take funds from the other systems. Governor Jindal reportedly supports the legislation which includes funds for a new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) building at BPC.

Supporters of retiring Louisiana Tech President Dan Reneau bid him farewell at a dinner in his honor last weekend in Ruston. One of the highlights came when Reneau's son-in-law, Jim Bernhard, announced he and his wife Dana were giving \$1.2 million to Tech for an endowed "Super Chair" to be called the Dan and Linda Reneau Chair in Biomedical Engineering. Bernhard is the retired founder and CEO of The Shaw Group which was purchased this February by CB&I for \$3 billion.



Quick Links

Shreveport-Bossier Higher Education News

- As Louisiana Tech President Dan Reneau prepares to retire, newspapers throughout north Louisiana applaud his tenure, recognizing it was his courage and vision that took Tech to Tier 1 status. *Shreveport Times*, **05.03.13**
- Under the leadership of President David Rowe, Centenary College has cut costs, reorganized and emerged stronger

Colleges and Governing Boards

Bossier Parish
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Economic Partnership

than ever with an endowment now valued at close to \$125 million. [**Shreveport Times, 05.05.13**](#)

- SBBA Board Member Dr. Phillip Rozeman lays out principles he believes should be used to guide discussion regarding higher education. "Moving to a market-based approach will require real conversations that link the roles and purposes of our schools with the amount and structure of college funding provided by the taxpayers of Louisiana. Other states have had these difficult discussions and we should do the same," Rozeman writes. [**Shreveport Times, 05.05.13**](#)
- Dr. F. King Alexander, the new President of LSU, sat down with a reporter from the Shreveport Times to share his vision for LSUS and the LSU system. [**Shreveport Times, 05.03.13**](#)

Louisiana Higher Education News

- The Shreveport Times Editorial Board joined newspapers and business groups throughout the state endorsing tuition flexibility for Louisiana colleges. "This is the time for a legislative reality check....and change. Either HB 194 or HB 87 offers our state that opportunity." [**Shreveport Times, 05.05.13**](#)
- The Louisiana Senate voted 30 to 6 on Monday to circumvent the capital outlay process and fund a statewide building and renovation plan for Louisiana's community and technical colleges. The plan includes funds for a an \$18 million building on the BPCC campus. [**The Advocate, 05.07.13**](#)
- After months of embarrassing public turmoil and infighting, the Louisiana College Board voted 16 to 13 to retain President Joe Aguillard. Now the rebuilding begins. [**Alexandria Town-Talk, 05.03.13**](#)
- The Alexandria Town-Talk editorial board questioned this weekend whether Louisiana College will even survive after all it has been through. In addition they wrote, "Today LC remains at quite a distance from what then-new President Aguillard envisioned eight years ago: "This will be the greatest liberal arts college this state has ever seen." [**Alexandria Town-Talk, 05.03.13**](#)
- Nearly half of TOPS students lose their scholarship, most within the first year. The cost to the state so far? \$165 million. Students need only a 2.5 grade point average and 20 on the ACT to qualify for the award. [**The Advocate, 05.07.13**](#)



National Higher Education News

- Careerbuilder.com has released a list of the most in demand college majors by employers along with the top

industries for college grads. [**Careerbuilder.com, 05.02.13**](#)

- According to the National Association for College Admissions Counseling, there are 200 universities around the country that still have space for aspiring students. Among those in the region are Centenary College in Shreveport and Southern Methodist University in Dallas. [**Washington Post, 05.03.13**](#)

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Sincerely,

Johnette Magner, Ph.D., Executive Director
Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education

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