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Study panel seeks ways to improve higher ed

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BATON ROUGE — A new Governance Commission is looking at far more than governance as it probes ways to improve higher education in Louisiana.

But it appears that it's not going to be a witch hunt or an activity that dumps everything on the table, says Rep. Thomas Carmody, of Shreveport, whose legislation created the panel.



Carmody

Instead, judging from the focus of its organizational hearing Friday, "it's going to stay on point, instead of getting out into the weeds."

Carmody says some study panels get little accomplished because they wander off the point and get wrapped up in minutia.

He said the panel is focused and ready to "do surgery with a scalpel, not a chain saw."

Although Carmody's HCR184 was filed the day legislation creating a single board of higher education failed in the House, he insists "I'm not married to a single board." Instead, he wants the commission to suggest changes — whether dealing with governance or not — that will lead to better colleges and universities.

Passing a constitutional amendment creating a single board was one of the issues pushed by Gov. Bobby Jindal in the 2010 and 2011 sessions. Both proposals authored by Speaker of the House Jim Tucker failed, just as previous attempts have since the 1980s.

The closest the Legislature came to passing such an amendment was under

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SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER CITY CRIME

Three local women were killed by their husbands in cases of murder-suicide this summer

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

By Loresha Wilson

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Brenda Hampton heard his threats. She knew his potential. And she believed what her husband told her July 11. "He said he would kill me, then kill himself, if I left," Hampton told authorities. "He said if he couldn't have me, no one will."

"All three were tragic and didn't have to happen."

SIMONE HENNESSEE
executive director of the Providence House

"We are seeing a lot of calls."

BILL GOODIN
spokesman for Shreveport police



July 29: John Hampton, 45, of Bossier City, shoots his estranged wife, Brenda, 51, and then takes his own life.
HENRIETTA WILDSMITH/FILE/THE TIMES



July 25: Ryan Douglas, 40, of Shreveport, kills his wife, Carolyn Douglas, 49, then himself.
JIM HUDELSON/FILE/THE TIMES



June 10: The Rev. Willie Guiden, 60, of Shreveport, shoots his wife, Jane, before turning the gun on himself.
DOUGLAS COLLIER/FILE/THE TIMES

Hampton, 51, tried to leave, but her husband wouldn't let go. He stalked her; he followed her; he went to her job. Then July 29, less than a week after she obtained a temporary protective order against him, 45-year-old John Hampton fatally shot his wife as she tried to remove items from the couple's Bossier City home. He then turned the gun on himself, taking his own life.

The incident is among an unprecedented series of domestic-violence slayings this year, particularly murder-suicides, which have set off alarms across Shreveport and Bossier City and left authorities scrambling to gauge the problem. This summer, three couples died as the result of incidents of murder-suicide, and another death is being investigated as a possible domestic violence slaying.

In the early morning hours of July 25, Ryan Douglas, 40, killed himself and his wife, Carolyn Douglas, 49, in their south Shreveport residence.

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GET HELP

Call the Louisiana Domestic Violence hot line at (888) 441-1333 or the Providence House 24/7 crisis hotline at (9318) 698-7273.

THE NUMBERS

On Sept. 15, 100 percent of Louisiana's identified domestic violence programs participated in the National Census of Domestic Violence Services. Following represent information from the participating programs about services they provided in the 24 hours:

1,117: victims served in one day (77 percent of services provided were for emergency shelter)

377: hot line calls answered, more than 16 every hour

85: percentage of programs reporting higher demand for services

60: requests for services unmet due to lack of resources

Source: National Network to End Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Counts 2010, summary for Louisiana

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