

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requests that the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, and public postsecondary education institutions take certain actions to improve postsecondary education outcomes in Louisiana

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial  
3 Assistance, and public postsecondary education institutions to take certain actions  
4 to improve postsecondary education outcomes in Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, postsecondary education in Louisiana has been significantly affected  
6 by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

7 WHEREAS, it is imperative that action be taken in order to maximize the chances  
8 for student success in postsecondary education.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
10 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to analyze and  
11 implement ways to assist students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to complete their  
12 studies in alignment with the board's goal that calls for sixty percent of all working-age  
13 adults in Louisiana to hold a degree or high-value credential by 2030.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
15 and request the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance to extend state financial  
16 aid programs to college-ready dual enrollment students, local college tuition discounts for  
17 college-ready low-income dual enrollment students, and early high school graduation  
18 scholarships for those ready and willing to begin college a year early.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
20 and request postsecondary education institutions to contact students who did not return

1 following the initial disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and other noncompleters who  
2 are close to obtaining a degree and offer removal of transcript holds due to unpaid fees of  
3 less than five hundred dollars, reverse-transfer options leading to associate degree conferral,  
4 and reduced return-semester tuition and fees.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge  
6 and request postsecondary education institutions to use federal COVID-19 relief funding,  
7 including American Resource Plan Act aid, to encourage part-time students to shift to  
8 full-time status with one hundred percent of financial needs met, including living and  
9 childcare expenses, supported with additional grant aid.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
11 Board of Regents for dissemination to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance  
12 and each public postsecondary education management board and institution.

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DIGEST

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