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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Murray to Original House Concurrent Resolution
No. 119 by Representative Murray

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 21 and delete pages 2 through 5 and insert the following:

3 "To direct the Board of Regents to study need-based financial aid programs and policies in
4 Louisiana and to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House
5 Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee
6 on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance not later than February 15,
7 2027.

8 WHEREAS, need-based financial aid plays a critical role in increasing college
9 access, retention, completion, and workforce participation among low-income student
10 populations in both rural and urban communities; and

11 WHEREAS, recent discussions regarding financial aid affordability, student debt
12 burdens, workforce alignment, and long-term sustainability of state financial aid investments
13 have highlighted the importance of reviewing the effectiveness and structure of current
14 need-based aid programs; and

15 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the importance of ensuring that students with
16 demonstrated financial need have access to affordable pathways leading to high-demand
17 careers and economic mobility; and

18 WHEREAS, the legislature has an interest in evaluating existing need-based financial
19 aid programs, such as the Louisiana GO Grant Program, and effectively supporting student
20 success, workforce participation, and efficient use of state resources; and

21 WHEREAS, review of available state and federal financial aid resources, including
22 Pell Grant utilization and state-supported aid programs, is necessary to determine whether
23 current aid structures effectively address unmet student financial need while promoting
24 responsible and efficient use of public funds; and

25 WHEREAS, the legislature desires additional information and recommendations
26 regarding the adequacy, effectiveness, accessibility, coordination, and long-term
27 sustainability of need-based aid programs in Louisiana.

28 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct
29 the Board of Regents to conduct a comprehensive study regarding need-based financial aid
30 in Louisiana.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include, at a minimum, the
32 following:

33 (1) An inventory and overview of all state-supported need-based financial aid
34 programs currently administered in Louisiana.

35 (2) An analysis of student eligibility requirements, award structures, utilization rates,
36 and unmet financial need among Louisiana students.

37 (3) A review of student population, geographic, and demographic trends related to
38 recipients of need-based aid.

39 (4) An examination of barriers that may limit student awareness of, access to, or
40 successful utilization of need-based financial aid opportunities.

41 (5) A review of how current need-based aid policies align with statewide
42 postsecondary attainment and workforce development goals.

43 (6) A comparative review of need-based financial aid models and best practices
44 utilized in other states.

1 (7) Recommendations for potential statutory, policy, administrative, or funding
2 changes to improve affordability, accessibility, efficiency, and student outcomes.
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents shall submit a written
4 report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the House Committee on
5 Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on Appropriations,
6 and the Senate Committee on Finance not later than February 15, 2027."