

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR APPEL

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of requiring the state's public colleges and universities to use the Common Application as part of the admission process.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of requiring the state's
3 public colleges and universities to use the Common Application as part of the
4 admission process.

5 WHEREAS, college admission has become an increasingly time-consuming, detail-
6 laden process, the difficulty of which is only compounded for students applying to multiple
7 postsecondary institutions; and

8 WHEREAS, the Common Application is an undergraduate admission application that
9 students may use to apply to any of the member colleges and universities in the United States
10 and various other countries; and

11 WHEREAS, the Common Application streamlines the college admissions process
12 by allowing a student to complete a single application online, which is then submitted to all
13 schools to which the student is applying with the same information going to each school; and

14 WHEREAS, since its inception in 1975, the number of Common Application
15 member institutions has grown from fifteen to almost five hundred and includes both private
16 and public colleges and universities; and

17 WHEREAS, although several of Louisiana's private colleges and universities utilize
18 the Common Application, only one public university, The University of New Orleans, is

1 currently listed on the roster of Common Application members; and

2 WHEREAS, it seems reasonable and logical for all of the state's public colleges and
3 universities to make use of this practical and efficient tool in the admission process, thereby
4 streamlining the application and admission process for both the student and the school.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
6 does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of requiring the
7 state's public colleges and universities to use the Common Application as part of the
8 admission process.

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

DIGEST

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