

1 WHEREAS, additionally, the Granting Autonomies and Resources for Diplomas Act,
2 enacted by the legislature in 2010, was created to address the many challenges facing public
3 postsecondary education in Louisiana, including those dealing with tuition; and

4 WHEREAS, many students who graduate from high school do not know what
5 opportunities are available to them and how to successfully access and navigate the
6 postsecondary education system in order to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to be
7 successful in life regardless of what path they choose to pursue; and

8 WHEREAS, promoting college access and affordability is an urgent priority for
9 Louisiana if the state is to develop productive citizens who successfully compete in today's
10 global economy; and

11 WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate that a comprehensive study be conducted
12 to review and examine the rising cost of tuition and other related issues in order to maximize
13 higher education opportunities for all students.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
15 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby create a task force to study issues relative to tuition
16 costs at public postsecondary education institutions and to submit a written report of task
17 force findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation, to the
18 House Committee on Education not later than sixty days prior to the beginning of the 2014
19 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of the
21 following members:

22 (1) The commissioner of higher education, or his designee.

23 (2) The chairman of the Board of Regents, or his designee.

24 (3) The chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and
25 Agricultural and Mechanical College, or his designee.

26 (4) The chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
27 Agricultural and Mechanical College, or his designee.

28 (5) The chairman of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana
29 System, or his designee.

1 (6) The chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
2 Colleges, or his designee.

3 (7) A faculty representative from a public postsecondary four-year institution, to be
4 appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

5 (8) A faculty representative from a public postsecondary two-year institution, to be
6 appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

7 (9) The chairman of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, or his
8 designee.

9 (10) Five students representing public postsecondary education institutions to be
10 appointed by the commissioner of higher education.

11 (11) Two members representing business and industry to be appointed by the
12 governor.

13 (12) The state superintendent of education, or his designee.

14 (13) The president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, or
15 his designee.

16 (14) Five public high school students to be appointed by the state superintendent of
17 education.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include but not be limited to a
19 review and examination of the following issues:

20 (1) The rising cost of tuition at public postsecondary education institutions.

21 (2) The impact of such rising tuition costs on TOPS and any possible changes to the
22 program that may be needed as a result.

23 (3) The impact of such rising tuition costs on the Granting Resources and
24 Autonomies for Diplomas Act and any possible changes to the Act that may be needed as
25 a result.

26 (4) The impact of such rising costs on the quality of the education programs offered
27 to students by public postsecondary education institutions.

28 (5) The cost savings, including those to TOPS, that may result if more students
29 enroll in community and technical colleges and then transfer to four-year institutions.

1 (6) Any additional strategies or incentives for increasing college access and
2 affordability.

3 (7) Any new methods for imposing tuition that could provide additional revenue for
4 public postsecondary education.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commissioner of higher education or his
6 designee shall be responsible for convening the task force and for designating staff to assist
7 the task force in conducting its study.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall serve without
9 compensation.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted
11 to the commissioner of higher education, the chairmen of the Board of Regents, the Board
12 of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the
13 Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the
14 Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of
15 Community and Technical Colleges, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance
16 Commission, the state superintendent of education, the president of the State Board of
17 Elementary and Secondary Education, and the governor.

DIGEST

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Creates a task force to study issues relative to tuition costs at public postsecondary education institutions and to submit a report of task force findings and recommendations, including any recommendations for legislation, to the House education committee prior to the 2014 R.S. Provides for issues to be included in the study and provides for task force membership.