

2018 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 114

BY SENATOR MORRISH

POSTSECONDARY ED. Requests the Board of Regents to update the statewide comprehensive financial aid plan.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the postsecondary education
3 management boards, to update the comprehensive state student financial aid plan in
4 order to better meet the needs of all prospective Louisiana postsecondary education
5 students, both traditional and non-traditional, and better link students with careers
6 demanded by Louisiana's economy.

7 WHEREAS, current law requires the Board of Regents to develop and maintain a
8 comprehensive state student financial aid plan that supports the Master Plan for Public
9 Postsecondary Education; and

10 WHEREAS, in developing the state student financial aid plan, the board is to
11 consider all sources of financial aid available to students to attend postsecondary education
12 and the financial needs of such students; and

13 WHEREAS, student financial aid includes federal, state, and institutional aid that is
14 provided in the form of grants, loans, work-study program, tuition and fee waivers, and
15 scholarships; and

16 WHEREAS, the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on
17 Education are to review and approve the state student financial aid plan; and

18 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents has not updated the state student financial aid plan

1 since 2007; and

2 WHEREAS, half of Louisiana's working-age adults have a high school diploma or
3 less, and are lacking the skills and education needed to fully participate in the economy; and

4 WHEREAS, financial barriers prevent many working-age adults from pursuing
5 training and postsecondary education; and

6 WHEREAS, a comprehensive state student financial aid plan that includes a
7 component for working-age adults who are underemployed or unemployed could provide
8 greater access to postsecondary education and help fill voids in state workforce demands.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
10 does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the postsecondary
11 education management boards, to update the comprehensive state student financial aid plan
12 in order to better meet the needs of all prospective Louisiana postsecondary education
13 students, both traditional and non-traditional, and better link students with careers demanded
14 by Louisiana's economy.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
16 commissioner of higher education, the president of the Louisiana Community and Technical
17 College System, the president of the Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
18 Mechanical College System, the president of the Southern University and Agricultural and
19 Mechanical College System, and the president of the University of Louisiana System.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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