



1 economically disadvantaged; and

2 WHEREAS, research has shown that many low-income high school seniors who  
3 initially plan to go to college fail to enroll in the fall semester due to insufficient financial  
4 aid to pay tuition and basic needs; and

5 WHEREAS, making financial aid available in the summer semester immediately  
6 following high school graduation enables low-income students to transition directly into  
7 career training programs that prepare them for high-demand jobs; and

8 WHEREAS, the TOPS-Tech and GO Grant awards currently do not support students  
9 in accessing postsecondary education and training during the summer semester immediately  
10 following high school graduation; and

11 WHEREAS, making these financial aid programs available to low-income students  
12 sooner could significantly increase their ability to access postsecondary education and  
13 training, earn a living wage, and lessen their need for public assistance as adults.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
15 urge and request the Board of Regents to study the feasibility of making TOPS-Tech and GO  
16 Grant awards available to low-income students for use during the summer semester  
17 immediately following high school graduation.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board provide a written report of its findings  
19 and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on  
20 Education not later than March 1, 2021.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be provided to the chair  
22 of the Board of Regents and the commissioner of higher education.

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of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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