

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 59

BY SENATOR APPEL

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To urge and request 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.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, although several of Louisiana's private colleges and universities utilize the Common Application, only one public university, The University of New Orleans, is currently listed on the roster of Common Application members; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request 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.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE