
HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Education to Original House Bill No. 581
by Representative Stokes

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 7, after "exceptions;" insert "to authorize the administering agency to provide
3 by rule for the definition of certain terms pertaining to debt; to require reporting relative to
4 graduation or the completion of training;"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 2

6 On page 2, between lines 17 and 18, insert the following:

7 "(3) Procedures for repayment, including but not limited to terms of
8 repayment agreements, payment schedules, minimum payments, deferment,
9 forbearance, and reasons for deferment and forbearance.

10 (4)(a) Provision that a student whose award is canceled because he
11 has failed to meet requirements relative to maintaining eligibility or has
12 resigned shall be required, unless granted an exception by the administering
13 agency for cause, to commence repayment under one of the following
14 circumstances, as applicable:

15 (i) He does not successfully complete a baccalaureate degree in-state
16 or out-of-state within six years of entering college for the first time.

17 (ii) He does not successfully complete any type of technical,
18 vocational, or academic credential other than a baccalaureate degree either
19 in-state or out-of-state within three years of entering college or beginning the
20 program of technical or vocational training for the first time.

21 (b) A student shall be granted additional time as determined by the
22 administering agency to complete his studies before he is subject to the
23 repayment requirement if, without exhausting his award eligibility, he
24 successfully completes any type of technical, vocational, or academic
25 credential other than a baccalaureate degree or a baccalaureate degree and
26 receives an award for the remainder of his award eligibility to pursue further
27 education within the time frame allowed by administering agency rule.

28 (c) A student shall submit to the administering agency proof of
29 continuous full-time enrollment for each semester or other academic term of
30 his enrollment if he begins his postsecondary education outside of the state
31 and completes it in the state or begins his postsecondary education in the
32 state and completes it outside of the state.

33 C. In addition to the rules promulgated pursuant to Subsection B of
34 this Section, the administering agency may provide by rule, notwithstanding
35 the provisions of R.S. 47:1676, for the definition of "debt", "delinquent
36 debt", "final", and "non-final delinquent debt" for purposes of administering
37 the provisions of this Section.

38 D. Each eligible college and university as defined by R.S. 17:5027
39 shall submit an electronic report to the administering agency upon either the
40 graduation or completion of skill or occupational training, as applicable, of
41 each award recipient."