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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 161

BY REPRESENTATIVE HUGHES

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Board of Regents, the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance, and public postsecondary education institutions to take certain actions to improve postsecondary education outcomes in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, postsecondary education in Louisiana has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that action be taken in order to maximize the chances for student success in postsecondary education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Board of Regents to analyze and implement ways to assist students affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to complete their studies in alignment with the board's goal that calls for sixty percent of all working-age adults in Louisiana to hold a degree or high-value credential by 2030.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance to extend state financial aid programs to college-ready dual enrollment students, local college tuition discounts for college-ready low-income dual enrollment students, and early high school graduation scholarships for those ready and willing to begin college a year early.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge and request postsecondary education institutions to contact students who did not return following the initial disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic and other noncompleters who are close to obtaining a degree and offer removal of transcript holds due to unpaid fees of less than five hundred dollars, reverse-transfer options leading to associate degree conferral, and reduced return-semester tuition and fees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby urge and request postsecondary education institutions to use federal COVID-19 relief funding, including American Resource Plan Act aid, to encourage part-time students to shift to full-time status with one hundred percent of financial needs met, including living and childcare expenses, supported with additional grant aid.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents for dissemination to the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance and each public postsecondary education management board and institution.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES