

1 WHEREAS, transfer students are not counted in the USDOE graduation rate for
2 either the sending or receiving institution; and

3 WHEREAS, entering part-time students are not counted in the USDOE graduation
4 rate; and

5 WHEREAS, all completers in postsecondary education are important contributors
6 to Louisiana's economy and society, whether or not they meet specific criteria for inclusion
7 in a federally defined rate; and

8 WHEREAS, public postsecondary education institutions should be recognized and
9 given credit for graduating students, regardless of where the student begins postsecondary
10 education; and

11 WHEREAS, the Board of Regents' data systems provide the agency with the
12 capability to report graduation and completion rates in ways that present a more complete
13 picture of the results achieved by public postsecondary education institutions.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the public postsecondary
16 education management boards, to study and make recommendations relative to including
17 students who graduate from an institution in calculations for determining and for reporting
18 on student graduation and completion rates by public postsecondary education institutions.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Regents shall report in writing on
20 study findings and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and to the
21 Senate Committee on Education by not later than March 1, 2011.

DIGEST

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