

Requests the Board of Regents, in consultation with the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission, to: (1) study the residency requirements established by state law and commission policy for a student to qualify for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award when the student has a parent or court-ordered custodian who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and who is transferred by the military to La. under permanent change of station orders and such parent or custodian is not a La. resident; (2) determine if such laws and policies are fair, equitable, and consistent with residency requirements imposed by other states having merit-based postsecondary education scholarship programs for state residents; and (3) report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the legislature and to the legislative education committees not later than 90 days prior to the 2013 R.S.

Provides that the board shall notify appropriate persons in charge of military bases located in La., state legislators in whose legislative districts such bases are located, and others as deemed appropriate by the board of the study and actively solicit their comments, concerns, and recommendations relative to the current residency requirements and any changes needed thereto.