

BY SENATOR MORRISH

## A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the legislature seeks to determine a fiscally responsible path forward

1 that will honor the state's commitment to the students who work diligently to meet the  
2 qualifications to earn a TOPS award, with the expectation they will receive the full award  
3 amount.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
5 create a task force to study the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), including  
6 a review of the program's purpose and history, the role of the program in relation to tuition  
7 and fees and other institutional, state, and federal financial assistance programs, and ways  
8 to ensure the program's long-term liability.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be composed of ten members  
10 as follows:

11 (1) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education, who shall serve as the  
12 chairman of the task force.

13 (2) The chairman of the House Committee on Education.

14 (3) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the chairman of the Senate Committee  
15 on Education.

16 (4) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the chairman of the  
17 House Committee on Education.

18 (5) Two members of the Senate, appointed by the president of the Senate.

19 (6) Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the  
20 house.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members shall receive the same per diem and  
22 travel reimbursement for attending meetings of the task force as is normally provided for  
23 meetings of legislative committees.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of senate and house education  
25 committees shall provide staff support to the task force.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall hold its first meeting no later  
27 than October 1, 2017, and shall meet thereafter at the call of the chairman.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall submit a written report of  
29 its findings, including any recommendations for legislation or changes in policy, to the  
30 president of the Senate and the speaker of the house no later than February 15, 2018.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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	DIGEST	
SCR 110 Original	2017 Regular Session	Morrish

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Requires the task force submit a written report of findings and recommendations to the Senate president and the speaker of the house by February 15, 2018.