

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Urges and requests the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance to study the feasibility of requiring repayment of TOPS by a student for any particular semester during the first two award years if the student does not make academic progress or fails to maintain full-time standing

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) to study
3 the feasibility, including potential costs and savings, of requiring repayment of the
4 Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) by a student for any particular
5 semester during the first two award years if the student does not make academic
6 progress or fails to maintain full-time standing.

7 WHEREAS, TOPS is a program of scholarships for Louisiana residents who attend
8 certain Louisiana postsecondary institutions; and

9 WHEREAS, TOPS first began in Fiscal Year (FY)1998-1999 and has provided
10 cumulative awards of approximately one billion one hundred ninety million dollars to
11 approximately four hundred fifty-eight thousand recipients; and

12 WHEREAS, approximately one hundred thirty-four million dollars in TOPS
13 scholarships is provided for awards in the FY 2010-2011 budget; and

14 WHEREAS, approximately forty-three thousand Louisiana students are estimated
15 to receive TOPS scholarships in FY 2010-2011.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
17 urge and request LOSFA to study the feasibility, including potential costs and savings, of
18 requiring repayment of TOPS by a student for any particular semester during the first two
19 award years if the student does not make academic progress or fails to maintain full-time
20 standing.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LOSFA shall make a report of its findings to the
2 Legislature of Louisiana no later than December 1, 2011.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report shall include information on the
4 historical losses of TOPS funds provided to students who did not make academic progress
5 or failed to maintain full-time standing, lengths of time for completion of postsecondary
6 education for students receiving TOPS, and the administrative costs of the TOPS program
7 including the number of positions required for the administration of the program.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
9 executive director of LOSFA.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance to study the feasibility, including potential costs and savings, of requiring repayment of TOPS by a student for any particular semester during the first two award years if the student does not make academic progress or fails to maintain full-time standing and to report its findings to the legislature no later than Dec. 1, 2011.