

1 WHEREAS, the legislature desires to consider the benefits to students, costs to the
2 state, and program implications of lowering Taylor Opportunity Program for Students
3 eligibility requirements for the Opportunity, Performance, and Honors awards as specified
4 in this Resolution; and

5 WHEREAS, it is appropriate and proper for the legislature to seek the advice and
6 recommendations of the Board of Regents relative to such proposed change in a state
7 program that provides financial assistance to students for postsecondary education.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
9 urge and request the Board of Regents, in consultation with the Louisiana Student Financial
10 Assistance Commission, to study the benefits to students, costs to the state, and program
11 implications of lowering Taylor Opportunity Program for Students eligibility requirements
12 relative to high school grade point average and ACT composite score for receipt of an
13 Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award as follows:

14 (1) For an Opportunity award, a grade point average of at least a 1.50 and an ACT
15 composite score of at least fifteen;

16 (2) For a Performance award, a grade point average of at least a 2.00 and an ACT
17 composite score of at least a seventeen; and

18 (3) For an Honors award, a grade point average of at least a 2.00 and an ACT
19 composite score of at least a twenty.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such study shall include but not be limited to
21 recommended changes in law and policy necessary and proper to implement and administer
22 such a program change.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the board shall report in writing on study
24 findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the House Committee on Education and the
25 Senate Committee on Education at least sixty days prior to the convening of the 2010
26 Regular Session.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution shall be transmitted
28 to the chairman of the Board of Regents, the commissioner of higher education, the chairman
29 of the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, and the executive director of the
30 office of student financial assistance.

DIGEST

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Requests the Bd. of Regents, in consultation with the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission, to study the benefits to students, costs to the state, and program implications of lowering Taylor Opportunity Program for Students eligibility requirements relative to high school grade point average and ACT composite score for receipt of an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors award. Provides that the board report in writing on study findings, conclusions, and recommendations (including any necessary changes in law and policy) to the House and Senate education committees prior to the 2010 R.S.