

**Adopted  
AMENDMENT NO 1 TO COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO 1 PROPOSED  
TO**

**Senate Bill No. 2731**

**BY: Representative Carlton**

1           **AMEND** after Line 46 by inserting the following new section  
2 and renumbering the succeeding section:

3           "**SECTION 1.** (1) There is created a commission to study the  
4 effectiveness and efficiency of the administration of college  
5 tuition assistance programs administered by the Institutions of  
6 Higher Learning. In addition, the commission shall evaluate merit  
7 based college tuition assistance programs and procedures and  
8 guidelines for implementing merit based programs.

9           The commission shall make a report of its findings and  
10 recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees by  
11 October 1, 2005, including any recommended legislation.

12           (2) The commission shall be composed of the following three  
13 (3) members:

14           (a) A representative of the State Department of  
15 Education, to be appointed by the State Superintendent of Public  
16 Education;

17           (b) A representative from the Institutions of Higher  
18 Learning, to be appointed by the commissioner;

19           (c) A representative from the State Board for Community  
20 and Junior Colleges, to be appointed by the chairman of the board.

21           (3) Appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days after  
22 the effective date of this act. The commission shall hold its  
23 first meeting before July 15, 2005.

24           (4) Members of the commission may not be compensated for the  
25 performance of their duties. Any incidental costs associated with  
26 conducting the study shall be paid by the State Department of  
27 Education.

28           (5) To effectuate the purposes of this section, any  
29 department, division, board, bureau, commission or agency of the  
30 state or of any political subdivision thereof shall, at the  
31 request of the chairperson of the task force, provide to the  
32 commission such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the  
33 commission to properly carry out its duties."

34           **AMEND FURTHER,** the Title by inserting the following on Line 3  
35 after the semicolon: "TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE  
36 EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLLEGE  
37 TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF  
38 HIGHER LEARNING AND EVALUATE MERIT BASED COLLEGE TUITION  
39 ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS;"