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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
152nd GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 101

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AS "FAFSA DAY" IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

1 WHEREAS, "FAFSA" stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and

2 WHEREAS, FAFSA is the form by which students primarily apply for federal grants, work-study, and loans; and

3 WHEREAS, colleges use data supplied on FAFSA forms to determine a student's eligibility for federal aid, and
4 many states and colleges use FAFSA data to award their own aid; and

5 WHEREAS, each year billions of grants, scholarships, work study, and other financial aid dollars go unclaimed
6 because students and families fail to complete the FAFSA; and

7 WHEREAS, those unclaimed funds are disproportionately from those who come from under-resourced,
8 underrepresented, and underserved families and communities; and

9 WHEREAS, the high school class of 2021 left an estimated \$3.75 billion in Pell Grants on the table by not
10 completing the FAFSA, according to a new National College Attainment Network (NCAN) analysis; and

11 WHEREAS, the high school class of 2022 left an estimated \$3.6 billion in Pell Grants on the table by not
12 completing the FAFSA, according to a new NCAN analysis; and

13 WHEREAS, the federal government is currently redesigning the FAFSA form and process to make it easier to
14 complete; those revisions are expected to be finalized in December 2023.

15 NOW, THEREFORE:

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the 152nd General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the House of
17 Representatives concurring therein, that October 1, 2023, is recognized as "FAFSA Day" in the State of Delaware.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Assembly encourages working to promote the importance of
19 completing the FAFSA by conducting workshops and seminars in the high schools in Delaware.

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes October 1, 2023, as "FAFSA Day" in Delaware.

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