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Panel on Higher Education Costs Releases Final Report

JEFFERSON CITY— As chairman, Sen. Gary Nodler, R-Joplin, this week announced that the Senate Interim Committee on the Cost of a College Education has concluded its study on issues pertaining to the cost of higher education in Missouri.

The bi-partisan committee was charged with reviewing the affordability of a college education in the state. Based on months of testimony and deliberation, the committee has issued a report detailing how the state can improve Missouri's system of higher education.

"We determined that Missouri as a state needs to direct more money to public colleges and universities to bring down tuition rates and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of college-savings plans, scholarship programs and student loans so more students have access to a higher education," Nodler said. "We also called for continuing research on how to improve the method by which we fund higher education so that the unique characteristics of each university and college are taken into account."

Nodler, who also chairs the Senate's standing committee on education, plans to soon introduce an omnibus piece of legislation that addresses many of the issues facing Missouri's system of higher education.

To obtain a copy of the committee report, please contact Farrah Fite at (573) 751-1562 or stop by Room 336 at the State Capitol.

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