
DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the sunset on the authority of the public postsecondary education management boards to establish and increase student fees and extends annual requirement that they report to the legislature relative to such fees.

Present law authorizes the public postsecondary education management boards to establish fees and adjust fee amounts at institutions under their respective management and supervision. Limits application of such authority to the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years and terminates the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto on June 30, 2017.

Proposed law removes the limitation on the exercise of this authority to these two academic years and removes the June 30, 2017, termination of the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto.

Present law requires each management board to report to the House and Senate education committees by Feb. 15th of 2016 and 2017 regarding implementation of fees authorized by present law, including an overview of the distribution of the monies in the need-based financial assistance fund as provided in present law. Proposed law requires annual reporting in accordance with proposed law; otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law retains applicability of all of the following present law to continuing authority:

- (1) Fee authority includes authority to impose per credit fees and differential fees for certain programs and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions.
- (2) Except for the LSU Health Sciences Centers (LSUHSC), the pharmacy program at the Univ. of La. at Monroe (ULM), and the Southern Univ. Law Center (SULC), the revenue per full time equivalent (FTE) student from all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student plus the revenue per FTE student from state and local appropriations shall not exceed the national average per FTE student revenue from state appropriations, local appropriations, tuition, and fees as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) by Carnegie classification, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent funding statistics as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current fiscal year (FY) using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).
- (3) The total of all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student enrolled in the LSUHSC, ULM pharmacy program, and SULC shall not exceed the tuition and fees charged, as reported by

the NCES, of national peers selected by the institution, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent tuition and fee amounts per FTE student as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current FY using the HEPI.

- (4) Requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of revenues realized pursuant to present law to provide need-based financial assistance to students eligible to receive a Pell Grant.
- (5) Prohibits revenues generated by fees imposed pursuant to present law from being used for any other purpose except for support of the university at which the fees were collected.
- (6) Provides that the fee authority granted by present law includes the authority to impose a fee for the administration of certain student surveys.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F))