

Regular Session, 2012

SENATE BILL NO. 103

BY SENATOR NEVERS

POSTSECONDARY ED. Limits the number of hours required to earn a baccalaureate degree. (8/1/12)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3165(D)(2), relative to public postsecondary education; to  
3 provide relative to the number of credit hours required to earn a baccalaureate  
4 degree; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3165(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §3165. Common core curriculum; general education courses; common  
8 prerequisites; other degree requirements

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12 (2) A baccalaureate degree program shall not require more than ~~the number~~  
13 ~~of credits established by the board for degree completion~~ **one hundred and twenty**  
14 **semester hours of college credit for degree completion** without approval from the  
15 board, **except for degree programs which require additional credit hours to meet**  
16 **certification or accreditation requirements.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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## DIGEST

Nevers (SB 103)

Present law provides that a baccalaureate degree program shall not require more than the number of credits established by the Board of Regents for degree completion without approval from the board.

Proposed law modifies present law and instead provides that a baccalaureate degree program shall not exceed 120 credit hours without approval from the Board of Regents, except for degree programs which require additional credit hours to meet certification or accreditation requirements.

Effective August 1, 2012.

(Amends R.S. 17:3165(D)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by SenateCommittee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Exempts degree programs that require more than 120 credit hours for completion to meet certification or accreditation requirements.