

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 31

BY SENATOR CLAITOR

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Enacts Board Scholarship Reporting Act relative to scholarships awarded by members of higher education management boards. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:1608, relative to higher education management boards; to provide relative

3 to scholarships awarded by members of higher education management boards; to

4 provide certain terms, conditions, procedures, prohibitions, and requirements; to

5 provide certain reporting requirements; to provide for reference and citation as the

6 Board Scholarship Reporting Act; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:1608 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **§1608. Scholarship awarded by member of higher education management**

10 **board; report**

11 **A. The chief executive officer of each higher education management**

12 **board shall annually report to the legislature every scholarship awarded by a**

13 **member of the management board.**

14 **B. The report shall be submitted electronically to the president of the**

15 **Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives no later than July first of**

16 **each year. The report shall be a public record. The management board shall**

17 **contemporaneously make the report available on its website for public**

1 inspection.

2 C. The report shall provide the name of each scholarship recipient, the
3 name of the board member making the award, whether such scholarship
4 consists of a waiver of tuition or a cash award, or both, and the annual dollar
5 value of the scholarship. If the scholarship includes a cash award, the source of
6 such funds shall be identified.

7 D. The information submitted in the report shall be considered directory
8 information by each institution of higher education within each management
9 board. No personally identifiable information in educational records shall be
10 submitted in the report.

11 E. The failure to submit the report required by this Section shall suspend
12 the power of all members of the management board to award any further such
13 scholarships until the report has been submitted as required.

14 F. The provisions of this Section shall be known and may be cited as the
15 Board Scholarship Reporting Act.

16 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
17 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
18 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
19 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
20 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry G. Jones.

DIGEST

Proposed law enacts Board Scholarship Reporting Act.

Proposed law provides that the chief executive officer of each higher education management board shall annually report to the legislature every scholarship awarded by a member of the management board. Provides that such report shall be submitted electronically to the President of the Senate and speaker of the House of Representatives no later than July 1st of each year. The report shall be a public record. The management board shall contemporaneously make the report available on its website for public inspection.

Proposed law provides that the report shall provide the name of each scholarship recipient, the name of the board member making the award, whether such scholarship consists of a waiver of tuition or a cash award, or both, and the annual dollar value of the scholarship. If

the scholarship includes a cash award, the source of such funds shall be identified.

Proposed law also provides that the information submitted in the report shall be considered directory information by each institution of higher education within each management board. No personally identifiable information in educational records shall be submitted in the report.

Proposed law provides that the failure to submit the report required by proposed law shall suspend the power of all members of the management board to award any further such scholarships until the report has been submitted as required.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:1608)