

Regular Session, 2013

SENATE BILL NO. 31

BY SENATORS CLAITOR AND GUILLORY

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

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Enacts the Board Scholarship Reporting Act relative to scholarships awarded by members of postsecondary education management boards.  
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1 AN ACT

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

3 relative to scholarships awarded by members of postsecondary education

4 management boards; to provide certain terms, conditions, procedures, prohibitions,

5 and requirements; to provide certain reporting requirements; to provide for reference

6 and citation as the Board Scholarship Reporting Act; and to provide for related

7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 **§1608. Scholarship awarded by member of postsecondary education**

11 **management board; report**

12 **A. The chief executive officer of each postsecondary education**

13 **management board shall annually report to the legislature every scholarship**

14 **awarded by a member of the management board for the preceding academic**

15 **year.**

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

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

1 **of each year. The report shall be a public record. The management board shall**  
 2 **contemporaneously make the report available on its website for public**  
 3 **inspection.**

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

9 **D. The information included in the report shall be considered directory**  
 10 **information by each institution of postsecondary education. No personally**  
 11 **identifiable information in educational records shall be included in the report.**

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

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

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

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The original instrument was prepared by Jerry G. Jones. The following  
 digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was  
 prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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#### DIGEST

Claitor (SB 31)

Proposed law enacts the Board Scholarship Reporting Act.

Proposed law provides that the chief executive officer of each postsecondary education management board shall annually report to the legislature every scholarship awarded by a member of the management board for the preceding academic year. Provides that such report shall be submitted electronically to the President of the Senate and the 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 included in the report shall be considered directory information by each institution of postsecondary education. No personally identifiable information in educational records shall be included 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)

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Specifies that annual report shall include information for scholarships awarded for the preceding academic year.