

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 659

BY SENATORS BUFFINGTON AND ADLEY

POSTSECONDARY ED. Creates a medical school and dental school scholarship program.
(8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact Chapter 20-A-3 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, to be
3 comprised of R.S. 17:3041.31, relative to medical and dental school scholarships; to
4 provide for eligibility; to provide for funding; to provide for rules, and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Chapter 20-A-3 of Title 17 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950,
8 comprised of R.S. 17:3041.31 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 **CHAPTER 20-A-3. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA STATE**

10 **UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER**

11 **MEDICAL AND DENTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS**

12 **§3041.31. Scholarship program for medical and dental students; Louisiana**
13 **State University Health Sciences Center; eligibility; funding;**
14 **rules**

15 **A. The Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission, hereinafter**
16 **referred to as "the commission", shall provide for and administer a scholarship**
17 **program for students who meet all of the following eligibility criteria:**

1 **(1) Are bona fide citizens and residents of the state of Louisiana.**

2 **(2) Desire to become doctors of medicine or dental surgery.**

3 **(3) Are acceptable for enrollment at one of the medical or dental schools**
4 **of Louisiana State University.**

5 **B. The commission, in collaboration with the Louisiana State University**
6 **Health Sciences Center, shall accept and review applications for such**
7 **scholarship programs and shall determine the recipients of the scholarships.**

8 **C. Implementation of this scholarship program as provided for in this**
9 **Chapter shall be subject to available public or private funding.**

10 **D. The commission shall prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems**
11 **necessary and proper to implement provisions of this Chapter in accordance**
12 **with the Administrative Procedure Act.**

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Alan Miller.

DIGEST

Buffington (SB 659)

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Student Financial Assistance Commission (LSFAC) to provide for and administer a scholarship program for students who meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- (1) Are bona fide citizens and residents of the state of Louisiana.
- (2) Desire to become doctors of medicine or dental surgery.
- (3) Are acceptable for enrollment at one of the medical or dental schools of Louisiana State University.

Proposed law requires LSFAC, in collaboration with the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, to accept and review applications for such scholarship program and determine the recipients of the scholarships.

Proposed law provides that implementation of this scholarship program is subject to available public or private funding.

Proposed law requires LSFAC to prescribe such rules and regulations as it deems necessary and proper in accordance with the APA.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Adds R.S. 17:3041.31)