

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Senate Bill No. 108 By Senator Appel**

June 1, 2014

To the Honorable President and Members of the Senate and to the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning Senate Bill No. 108 by Senator Appel, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That House Committee Amendment Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 proposed by the House Committee on Education and adopted by the House of Representatives on May 19, 2014, be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Senators:

Representatives:

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Senator Conrad Appel

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Representative Stephen F. Carter

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Senator "Jody" Amedee

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Representative John Bel Edwards

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Senator Edwin R. Murray

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Representative Jeff Thompson

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

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

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**Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

POSTSECONDARY ED. Provides relative to the salary of the commissioner of higher education. (gov sig)

**Report rejects House amendments which would have:**

1. Deleted the requirement that the commissioner of higher education is subject to Senate confirmation.

**Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides that the Board of Regents shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to administer and implement board programs and policies. Further provides that the commissioner shall possess such qualifications and have such other powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities as established by the board or as provided by law.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that the commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the board and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that the salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined by the board, subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law deletes the requirement that JLCB approve the salary of the commissioner of higher education.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3123.1(C))