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## DIGEST

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Broadwater

**Abstract:** Authorizes the higher education (including community and technical colleges) management boards to establish and modify, as they deem necessary, fees charged to students.

Proposed law authorizes the management boards of public higher education to establish fees and modify fee amounts at institutions under their respective management and supervision. Provides that such authority specifically includes authority to impose per credit fees and differential fees for certain programs and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions.

Present law, the GRAD Act, authorizes specific tuition and fee increases at public postsecondary education institutions contingent on those institutions meeting performance goals established by agreement with the Board of Regents. Proposed law provides that the authority to establish and modify fees as authorized by proposed law is not subject to such contingencies.

Proposed law requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of additional revenues realized pursuant to proposed law to provide need-based financial assistance to students who are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.20)