

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 129

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

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

STUDENT/TUITION: Provides relative to nonresident tuition and fees for certain public institutions of higher education

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3139.2(4)(c) and 3351(A)(5)(b)(i), relative to nonresident
3 tuition and fees charged at certain institutions of postsecondary education; to
4 authorize the management boards of historically black public colleges and
5 universities to reduce nonresident tuition and fees for undergraduate students; to
6 provide that such tuition meets institutional efficiencies and accountability under the
7 Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act; and to provide for
8 related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3139.2(4)(c) and 3351(A)(5)(b)(i) are hereby amended and
11 reenacted to read as follows:

12 §3139.2. Performance agreements; objectives

13 Effective beginning with the 2011 Fiscal Year, any public postsecondary
14 education institution, including professional schools, may enter into an initial
15 performance agreement with the Board of Regents in order to be granted limited
16 operational autonomy and flexibility as provided in R.S. 17:3139.5 in exchange for
17 committing to meet established targets for the following performance objectives as
18 applicable to the institution as determined by the Board of Regents:

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20 (4) Institutional efficiency and accountability.

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granting of some operational autonomy and flexibility for that institution. One such target under present law for historically black colleges and universities is adherence to a schedule of increases in tuition for nonresident students to an amount not less than the average tuition charged to La. residents attending public historically black colleges and universities in other SREB states. Proposed law changes present law tuition and fee targets for undergraduate programs at public historically black colleges and universities to an amount not less than the average tuition and fees charged to resident undergraduate students at the same institution.

(Amends R.S. 17:3139.2(4)(c) and 3351(A)(5)(b)(i))