

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 948

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to facilities of public postsecondary education institutions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(J), relative to education facilities at public postsecondary education
3 institutions; to require management boards to adopt policies with respect to
4 utilization of such facilities; to require reports on facility utilization; to provide
5 relative to construction of new facilities; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education
9 management boards

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11 J.(1) Each board shall adopt a policy requiring each institution under its
12 supervision and management to develop plans for full utilization of existing
13 facilities, including plans for distance learning.

14 (2) Each board shall adopt a policy requiring each institution under its
15 supervision and management to annually report information on utilization of
16 classroom and laboratory facilities. The report shall be submitted to the board and
17 posted on the institution's website. Such information shall include:

18 (a) Total number of classrooms and laboratories available for instructional
19 use and the number of those undergoing renovation.

1 (b) Total available square footage of instructional space and the amount of
2 instructional space under renovation or being used for storage.

3 (c) Average weekly hours of instructional usage of all campus classrooms
4 and laboratories available for instruction, reported by day of the week and time of
5 day, Monday through Saturday.

6 (d) Average percentage of seats or stations filled in all sections taught in
7 campus classrooms and laboratories that are available for instruction, reported by
8 day of the week and time of day, Monday through Saturday.

9 (e) The number of courses the institution currently offers online and plans
10 for future development of online courses.

11 (3) Prior to approving any use of capital outlay funds exceeding ten million
12 dollars for construction of new facilities at an institution under its supervision and
13 management, the board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed facility. The
14 hearing shall include discussions of:

15 (a) Level and manner of utilization of existing campus facilities, using the
16 metrics reported pursuant to Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, for the preceding three
17 year period.

18 (b) Projected maintenance costs for the proposed building over its expected
19 lifetime.

20 (c) Funding sources for the proposed building.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to facility utilization at public postsecondary education institutions.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to develop plans for full utilization of existing facilities, including plans for distance learning.

Proposed law requires each such board to adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to annually report information on utilization of classroom and

laboratory facilities. The report shall be submitted to the board and posted on the institution's website and shall include:

- (1) Total number of classrooms and laboratories available for instructional use and the number of those undergoing renovation.
- (2) Total available square footage of instructional space and the amount of instructional space under renovation or being used for storage.
- (3) Average weekly hours of instructional usage of all campus classrooms and laboratories available for instruction.
- (4) Average percentage of seats or stations filled in all sections taught in campus classrooms and laboratories that are available for instruction.
- (5) The number of courses the institution currently offers online and plans for future development of online courses.

Proposed law requires each such board, prior to approving any use of capital outlay funds exceeding \$10 million for new facilities, to hold a public hearing on the proposed facility. The hearing shall include discussions of: utilization of existing campus buildings for the preceding three year period; maintenance costs for the proposed building over its expected lifetime; funding sources for the proposed building.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(J))