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Abstract: Exempts graduate students who are teaching or research assistants from the payment of all mandatory fees except for tuition.

<u>Present law</u> provides that each public postsecondary education management board shall have the authority to determine the fees paid by students. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that notwithstanding <u>present law</u>, a graduate student who serves as a teaching assistant or research assistant shall be exempt from payment of all mandatory fees imposed in accordance with <u>present law</u> except for tuition.

<u>Proposed law</u> exempts such graduate students from all of the following specific fees imposed in accordance with <u>present law</u>:

- 1. Technology fee (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.1)
- 2. Academic excellence fee (LSU System, Univ. of La. System, & La. Community and Technical Colleges System) (R.S. 17:3351.3, 3351.9, 3351.10)
- 3. Facilities use and maintenance fee at the Univ. of New Orleans (R.S. 17:3351.7)
- 4. Facilities use and maintenance fee at Southern Univ. at New Orleans (R.S. 17:3351.8)
- 5. Professional program fee at LSU (MBA program) (R.S. 17:3351.12)
- 6. Digital media program fee at LSU (R.S. 17:3351.18)
- 7. Building use fee (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.19)
- 8. Mandatory fees (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.20)

<u>Proposed law</u> further requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt a policy providing that such graduate students are exempt from the payment of all mandatory fees except for tuition.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a); Adds R.S. 17:3351.1(D), 3351.3(E), 3351.7(E), 3351.8(E), 3351.9(D), 3351.10(D), 3351.12(D), 3351.18(D), 3351.19(E), 3351.20(G), and 3351.21)