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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the public postsecondary education management boards to take certain actions with respect to core curricula, hiring and employment, faculty deliberative bodies, and nonacademic disciplinary proceedings and prohibits institutions from expending appropriated funds under certain circumstances.

### Core curriculum

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board, in consultation with the Bd. of Regents, to annually review all courses forming the core curriculum for each degree program at each institution under its supervision and management and determine if each course meets the following criteria: it is foundational and fundamental to a sound postsecondary education, is necessary preparation for civic or professional life, and reflects core content and methodologies of historic liberal arts and preprofessional disciplines.

Proposed law further requires each management board to:

- (1) Make a report outlining the courses subject to review, course descriptions, the criteria for reviewing them, and the process for review available publicly online for at least 30 days prior to the meeting of the management board at which the review will be discussed.
- (2) Vote to certify that the courses offered by each institution under its supervision and management as part of the core curriculum for each degree program meet proposed law criteria.
- (3) Vote each year on whether to reauthorize or revise the core curriculum for each degree program at each institution under its supervision and management.

Proposed law provides that each management board shall comply with proposed law by the end of the 2027-2028 academic year. Provides that for subsequent academic years, the annual report shall include a review of the previous year's approved courses and, for each course, its satisfaction of proposed law criteria.

### Hiring and employment

Proposed law requires each management board to approve or deny during a public meeting the proposed job posting for any position that will be filled by an individual who will be eligible for

tenure and will teach one or more courses in any field. Requires each proposed job posting to be posted publicly online at least 30 days prior to the management board's meeting. Authorizes the board to vote on multiple proposed postings in a single motion.

Proposed law requires each management board to approve or deny during a public meeting the hiring, appointment, or promotion of any individual who will serve as a chancellor, vice chancellor, president, vice president, provost, associate provost, dean, or any other position of comparable authority at an institution under its supervision and management. Requires that the curriculum vitae of any individual considered for such a position be posted publicly online at least 30 days prior to the management board's consideration.

Proposed law provides that any search committee tasked with identifying candidates for president or provost at an institution shall consist of at least 60% of members of the management board, who shall be the only voting members of the committee and be composed of other members as approved by the management board. Provides that if an external firm is used, it must be approved by the management board.

Proposed law prohibits a management board from delegating the duties ascribed to it in proposed law to any other individual, official, or entity.

### **Faculty deliberative bodies**

Proposed law provides the following relative to each faculty deliberative body:

- (1) It shall perform a strictly advisory role, making nonbinding recommendations to administrative officers of the institution.
- (2) It shall not present itself as an authoritative or policymaking body.
- (3) The president of the institution shall appoint the head of the faculty deliberative body.
- (4) Membership on the faculty deliberative body is limited to full professors with tenure, and service is limited to one academic year. Upon completion of this term of service, the faculty member is not eligible to serve again for four academic years.
- (5) No state or institution funds shall be used to pay for staff or administrative employees dedicated exclusively to the faculty deliberative body.
- (6) If a faculty deliberative body rejects a course or curriculum proposal in whole or in part, the president, provost, and relevant officers shall review and consider the entirety of the proposal.
- (7) The names of the members in attendance shall be recorded at any meeting in which the faculty deliberative body conducts business related to a vote of no confidence regarding an institution or system administrator or policies related to curriculum and academic standards.

Proposed law provides that proposed law shall not be construed to limit a faculty member's right to freedom of association protected by the U.S. and La. constitutions and that proposed law shall supersede and control to the extent of any conflict with present law relative to the powers and duties of faculty deliberative bodies.

### **Nonacademic disciplinary proceedings**

Proposed law:

- (1) Provides that following any major campus disruption arising from legal or policy violations by students, the CEO of the institution shall submit anonymized, quarterly, incident-specific disciplinary reports for 18 months to the management board that include quantitative data on the sanctions imposed and the names of the admissions officers who reviewed the applications of sanctioned students.
- (2) Authorizes the CEO to convene a special advisory committee to review the advisory determinations of subordinate administrators or subordinate bodies in any nonacademic disciplinary cases and make recommendations to the CEO or serve the original determination for any nonacademic disciplinary case.

### **Compliance**

Proposed law, beginning with the 2027-2028 Fiscal Year, prohibits an institution from expending funds appropriated to it for a given fiscal year until its management board submits to the legislature and the Bd. of Regents a report certifying the management board's compliance with proposed law during the preceding fiscal year.

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

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