

ACT No. 970

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1084

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3384, relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts for public
3 postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public postsecondary
4 education institution to impose and adjust certain tuition and fee amounts; to provide
5 for limitations; to provide for applicability; to provide for an effective date; to
6 provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3384 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3384. Public postsecondary education institutions; tuition and fee authority and
10 autonomy

11 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each
12 public postsecondary education institution may establish and adjust tuition and fee
13 amounts for all programs offered by the institution, including programs granting
14 certificates, degrees, diplomas, or other credentials of value. This authority includes
15 establishing tuition and fee amounts for part-time students, dual enrollment students,
16 and students enrolled in summer and intersession terms.

17 (2) Each institution may increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts by no
18 more than ten percent over any one-year period. Each institution may lower tuition
19 and fee amounts with no limitation.

20 (3) The authority to establish and adjust tuition and fee amounts as provided
21 in this Section shall be applicable beginning on January 1, 2027.

22 B. When establishing tuition and fee amounts, each public postsecondary
23 education institution shall, at a minimum, consider the following:

24 (1) Tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions.

1 (2) Median household income in Louisiana and in states where peer
2 institutions are located.

3 (3) Affordability.

4 (4) Total cost of attendance.

5 C. Each public postsecondary education institution shall establish a process
6 for providing adequate notice to students of tuition and fee amounts. Prior to
7 imposing any increase in tuition and fee amounts pursuant to this Section, each
8 institution shall establish criteria for waivers in cases of financial hardship. Such
9 information shall be made available to all current and prospective students affected
10 by the increase in a timely manner.

11 D. Each public postsecondary education institution shall submit a written
12 report to its management board, the Board of Regents, the House Committee on
13 Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House Committee on
14 Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance not later than February
15 fifteenth annually regarding how the tuition and mandatory fees authorized by this
16 Section are being implemented.

17 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
18 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
19 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
20 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
21 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____