

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 431

BY SENATOR BUFFINGTON

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Provides relative to postsecondary education management boards. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3201(A) and (B)(2), 3202, 3215, 3217, and 3218, relative to
3 postsecondary education; to provide relative to colleges and universities and their
4 management boards; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3201(A) and (B)(2), 3202, 3215, 3217, and 3218 are hereby
7 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3201. Application of Chapter

9 A. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter, ~~the provisions~~
10 of this Chapter shall apply in the same manner and to the same extent to the Board
11 of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
12 College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and
13 Mechanical College, the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, the
14 Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and any other board
15 vested with the supervision and management of institutions of postsecondary
16 education hereafter created.

17 B.(1) * * *

(2) A student, faculty member, or other employee of an institution of higher education transferred from another management board to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges shall retain all previously earned benefits provided by law, rule, or regulation and shall continue to earn such benefits as provided by law, rule, or regulation prior to the transfer and, if otherwise qualified, shall be eligible for any additional benefits as may be provided for ~~such~~ **the** student, faculty member, or other employee by law, rule, or regulation.

§3202. Definitions

Unless the context otherwise clearly indicates, the following words **and phrases** shall have the meaning hereinafter ascribed to each:

(1) "Board" or "boards" means the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, or any of these boards.

(2) "Community college" means any postsecondary institution which offers an associate academic degree as well as vocational-technical and other educational programs, but which is not approved to offer a baccalaureate degree.

(3) "Postsecondary education system" or "system" means and refers to the programs and institutions under the jurisdiction of the respective management boards for postsecondary education created by or under authority of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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§3215. Louisiana State University system

The Louisiana State University system is composed of the institutions under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as follows:

(1) Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, located at Baton Rouge and designated as the premier flagship university for the

1 state.

2 (2)~~(3)~~ Louisiana State University at Alexandria, located at Chambers.

3 ~~(4)~~**(3)** Louisiana State University at Eunice.

4 ~~(5)~~**(4)** Louisiana State University at Shreveport.

5 ~~(6)~~**(5)** Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans,
6 which shall include medical and related health schools and programs located in New
7 Orleans including those state's medical centers transferred to the Board of
8 Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
9 as provided in Subpart C-2 of Part II of Chapter 4 of this Title, subject to provisions
10 of R.S. 17:1519 et seq.

11 ~~(7)~~**(6)** Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport,
12 which shall include the medical school and related schools at Shreveport, Louisiana
13 State University Hospital at Shreveport, E. A. Conway Medical Center at Monroe,
14 and Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville.

15 ~~(8)~~**(7)** The Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development which
16 administers the agricultural extension and research programs of the board throughout
17 the state. The center shall also be responsible for conducting river water research.

18 ~~(9)~~**(8)** Any other college, university, school, institution, or program now or
19 hereafter under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of
20 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College board.

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22 §3217. University of Louisiana System

23 The University of Louisiana System is composed of the institutions under the
24 supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors for the University of
25 Louisiana System as follows:

26 (1) Grambling State University at Grambling.

27 (2) Louisiana Tech University at Ruston.

28 (3) McNeese State University at Lake Charles.

29 (4) Nicholls State University at Thibodaux.

(5) Northwestern State University of Louisiana at Natchitoches.

(6) Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond.

(7) The University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

(8) The University of Louisiana at Monroe.

(9) The University of New Orleans.

(10) Any other college, university, school, institution, or program now or hereafter under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System board.

§3218. Authority of system boards

The corporate authority, internal and otherwise, vested in the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System to supervise and manage the systems under the jurisdiction of each, extends to all the colleges and universities, branches, centers of learning, or extensions of such systems now existing or hereafter established or transferred into the system.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by J. Ashley Mitchell.

DIGEST

Buffington (SB 431)

Present law, relative to colleges and universities, provides that except as otherwise specifically provided in law, present law applies in the same manner and to the same extent to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, and any other board vested with the supervision and management of institutions of postsecondary education hereafter created.

Present law provides that a student, faculty member, or other employee of an institution of higher education transferred from another management board to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges retains all previously earned benefits provided by law, rule, or regulation and shall continue to earn such benefits as provided by law, rule, or regulation prior to the transfer and, if otherwise qualified, shall be eligible for any additional benefits as may be provided for such student, faculty member, or other employee by law, rule, or regulation.

Proposed law makes technical change; otherwise retains present law.

Present law defines the words:

- (1) "Board" or "boards" means the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, or any of these boards.
- (2) "Community college" means any postsecondary institution which offers an associate academic degree as well as vocational-technical and other educational programs, but which is not approved to offer a baccalaureate degree.
- (3) "Postsecondary education system" or "system" means and refers to the programs and institutions under the jurisdiction of the respective management boards for postsecondary education created by or under authority of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Proposed law clarifies that the definitions includes words and phrases; otherwise retains present law.

Present law enumerates the institutions included in the Louisiana State University system as:

- (1) Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, located at Baton Rouge and designated as the premier flagship university for the state.
- (2) Louisiana State University at Alexandria, located at Chambers.
- (3) Louisiana State University at Eunice.
- (4) Louisiana State University at Shreveport.
- (5) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at New Orleans, which shall include medical and related health schools and programs located in New Orleans including those state's medical centers transferred to the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College as provided in Subpart C-2 of Part II of Chapter 4 of this Title, subject to provisions of R.S. 17:1519 et seq.
- (6) Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center at Shreveport, which shall include the medical school and related schools at Shreveport, Louisiana State University Hospital at Shreveport, E. A. Conway Medical Center at Monroe, and Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville.
- (7) The Center for Agricultural Sciences and Rural Development which administers the agricultural extension and research programs of the board throughout the state. The center shall also be responsible for conducting river water research.
- (8) Any other college, university, school, institution, or program now or hereafter under

the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College board.

Proposed law makes technical changes; otherwise retains present law.

Present law enumerates the institutions with the University of Louisiana System as follows:

- (1) Grambling State University at Grambling.
- (2) Louisiana Tech University at Ruston.
- (3) McNeese State University at Lake Charles.
- (4) Nicholls State University at Thibodaux.
- (5) Northwestern State University of Louisiana at Natchitoches.
- (6) Southeastern Louisiana University at Hammond.
- (7) The University of Louisiana at Lafayette.
- (8) The University of Louisiana at Monroe.
- (9) The University of New Orleans.
- (10) Any other college, university, school, institution, or program now or hereafter under the supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors for the system.

Proposed law makes technical change; otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the corporate authority, internal and otherwise, vested in the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, to supervise and manage the systems under the jurisdiction of each, extends to all the colleges and universities, branches, centers of learning, or extensions of such systems now existing or hereafter established.

Proposed law extends board authority to colleges and universities, branches, centers of learning, or extensions which are transferred into the system; otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3201(A) and (B)(2), 3202, 3215, 3217, and 3218)