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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 108 by Senator Appel

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

POSTSECONDARY ED. Provides relative to the salary of the commissioner of higher education. (gov sig)

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Deleted the requirement that the commissioner of higher education is subject to Senate confirmation.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> provides that the Board of Regents shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to administer and implement board programs and policies. Further provides that the commissioner shall possess such qualifications and have such other powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities as established by the board or as provided by law.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains these provisions.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a twothirds vote of the total membership of the board and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined by the board, subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the requirement that JLCB approve the salary of the commissioner of higher education.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3123.1(C))