

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST**ACT 251 (HB 472)****2016 Regular Session****Falconer**

Existing law enumerates powers and describes the authority of the State Bd. of Architectural Examiners (board).

New law authorizes the board to allocate up to 10% of all license renewal fees and delinquency fees each fiscal year to a fund to be named the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund (fund).

New law clarifies the purpose of the fund.

New law declares that the fund shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following in order to improve architectural education and the licensure of student interns in this state:

- (1) Integration of practice and education in the professional National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) degree curriculum.
- (2) Implementation of path to licensure resulting in an architectural license at the time of graduation from a NAAB-accredited professional degree program.
- (3) Facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the Intern Development Program (IDP) as administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).
- (4) Assistance of students and interns in preparation for the taking of the Architectural Registration Exam (ARE).
- (5) Methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects.

New law requires an accredited university architectural program to submit an annual proposal and budget, including any information deemed necessary by the board, to be considered for any award from the board.

New law requires the board to submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative oversight committee regarding its allocation of monies from the fund for the preceding fiscal year.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 26, 2016).

(Adds R.S. 37:144(G))