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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes provisions for granting of free tuition by Tulane University to students nominated by legislators.

Present law (Acts 1884, No. 43, as amended by Acts 1982, No. 606) provides for the administrators of Tulane University (referred to as the board) to give free tuition to students nominated by legislators. This is in consideration of the vesting of the administration of the then-University of Louisiana in the Tulane board, of the transfer of the rights, powers, privileges, franchises, and immunities of that university to the Tulane board, and of the exemption of the university from certain taxation as provided in the Act, as well as the board's waiver of all legal claim upon the state for any appropriation in favor of the University of Louisiana.

Present law provides that each member of the legislature has the right to nominate one student from among the citizens of the state. Provides that each nominee shall comply with the requirements for admission established by the board. Provides that free tuition shall continue for a period not to exceed the time remaining in the term of the nominating legislator from the time such appointment begins, unless the scholarship has ceased from other causes. Provides that appointment of the same student in successive years is not prohibited. Requires that when a scholarship becomes vacant from any cause, the senator or representative who appointed the previous student, or his successor, shall immediately name a successor.

Proposed law provides that Tulane University shall not grant free tuition pursuant to present law for all or part of the 2018-2019 academic year or thereafter for any student nominated for such free tuition by a legislator. Provides for granting free tuition to students who receive free tuition during the 2017-2018 academic year, if nominated as provided in present law, for three academic years or the number of academic years necessary to complete the bachelor's degree, whichever is fewer.

Proposed law removes present law that provides for granting of free tuition to students nominated by legislators.

Provisions prohibiting granting free tuition beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year are effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action. Provisions amending law to remove authority for granting free tuition are effective July 1, 2021.

(Amends §6 of Act No. 43 of the 1884 R.S. as amended by Act No. 606 of the 1982 R.S.)