

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Broadwater

Existing law authorizes the public postsecondary education management boards to establish fees and adjust fee amounts at their institutions. Limits application of such authority to specified academic years and terminates the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto on a specified date. Prior law limited the application of such authority to the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic years and terminated the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto on June 30, 2017. New law extends the application of this authority to the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 academic years and delays the date of the termination of the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2020.

Existing law requires each management board to report to the House and Senate education committees regarding implementation of these fees, including an overview of the distribution of the monies in the need-based financial assistance fund as provided in existing law. Prior law required submission of these reports by Feb. 15th of 2016 and 2017. New law requires submission of such reports by Feb. 15th of 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Existing law applies all of the following to continuing authority:

- (1) Fee authority includes authority to impose per credit fees and differential fees for certain programs and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions.
- (2) Except for the LSU Health Sciences Centers (LSUHSC), the pharmacy program at the Univ. of La. at Monroe (ULM), and the Southern Univ. Law Center (SULC), the revenue per full time equivalent (FTE) student from all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student plus the revenue per FTE student from state and local appropriations shall not exceed the national average per FTE student revenue from state appropriations, local appropriations, tuition, and fees as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) by Carnegie classification, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent funding statistics as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current fiscal year (FY) using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).
- (3) The total of all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student enrolled in the LSUHSC, ULM pharmacy program, and SULC shall not exceed the tuition and fees charged, as reported by the NCES, of national peers selected by the institution, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent tuition and fee amounts per FTE student as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current FY using the HEPI.
- (4) Requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of revenues realized pursuant to existing law to provide need-based financial assistance to students eligible to receive a Pell Grant.
- (5) Prohibits revenues generated by fees imposed pursuant to existing law from being used for any other purpose except for support of the university at which the fees were collected.
- (6) Provides that the fee authority granted by existing law includes the authority to impose a fee for the administration of certain student surveys.

Effective August 1, 2017.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F))