



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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Provides requirements for public postsecondary education management boards relative to core curricula, hiring and employment, faculty deliberative bodies, and nonacademic disciplinary proceedings and prohibits institutions from expending Proposed legislation requires public postsecondary education management boards to take specified actions regarding core curricula, hiring and employment, faculty deliberative bodies, and nonacademic disciplinary proceedings, and prohibits institutions from expending appropriated funds under certain circumstances. Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board, in consultation with the Board of Regents (BOR), to annually review core curriculum courses for each degree program to ensure they meet specified academic and civic preparedness criteria. Proposed law requires management boards to approve or deny, in public meetings, job postings for tenure-eligible teaching positions and the hiring or promotion of senior leadership roles, with all postings and candidate credentials publicly available at least 30 days in advance. Proposed law limits faculty deliberative bodies to a nonbinding, advisory role; prescribes their leadership, membership, and operations; restricts dedicated funding; and affirms constitutional rights while providing that these provisions supersede conflicting laws. Proposed law requires post-disruption disciplinary reporting and permits expanded CEO oversight of nonacademic disciplinary decisions, and beginning in FY 27–28, prohibits institutions from spending appropriated funds until their management board certifies compliance with the law to the legislature and the BOR.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to have an indeterminable expenditure impact on postsecondary institutions. Postsecondary institutions currently conduct annual academic program reviews, governance, and compliance reporting. Expenditures associated with implementation of the provisions of the proposed measure vary by system, ranging from no additional cost to a minimum of \$427,600 in FY 2028 and in subsequent fiscal years. This minimum cost is associated with three (3) new positions at the Louisiana State University (LSU) System, as well as \$40,000 for software, supplies, and operating expenses per position to cover equipment, telecommunications, and technology. **The LFO cannot independently verify that the proposed measure’s requirements will create a workload level sufficient to require additional employees. To the extent the additional workload is less than what the LSU System anticipates, the additional workload may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing staff and resources, or may be achievable without new positions. Therefore, salary and benefits are not reflected in the expenditures in the boxes above.**

Note: Information concerning the impact of proposed legislation to the Southern University System and the University of Louisiana System has been requested. No response was received prior to the publication of this fiscal note. If and when additional relevant information is received, this note will be updated.

LSU System

The LSU System reports that it would need to establish a new system-wide Academic Affairs office to support an Associate Vice Provost (\$150,000 salary; \$54,000 benefits) and a Specialist (\$65,000 salary; \$23,400 benefits) to develop and manage processes for initial and ongoing syllabus review; coordinate curriculum and hiring materials across campuses; oversee HR request reviews and job postings; and prepare required curriculum and hiring reports for LSU Board of Supervisors approval, ensuring systemwide consistency, governance, and compliance. While individual campuses would continue to manage their own processes, all materials would be routed through Academic Affairs for preparation and submission to the LSU Board of Supervisors.


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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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LSU System

Additionally, the LSU Board of Supervisors would require one additional Administrative Staff position (\$70,000 salary; \$25,200 benefits) to manage cross-campus coordination, Board processes, documentation, and compliance tracking, due to significantly expanded responsibilities for governance, compliance, coordination, research, reporting, and public posting. Also included in the estimate is \$40,000 in operating expenses for each position to purchase supplies, equipment, telecommunications, and technology. Compensation for these positions factors a 3% increase in future fiscal years. For purposes of this fiscal note, the LFO assumes these costs would be funded with SGF through a specific appropriation by the legislature or absorbed within the system's existing operating budget.

Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS)


LCTCS reports proposed legislation is anticipated to increase administrative workload; however, any resulting impact on expenditures is negligible. Activities related to documentation and reporting across academic affairs, institutional research, human resources, and college personnel fall within current responsibilities and can be absorbed using existing staff and resources, as the provisions of the proposed legislation generally align with existing institutional practices, including annual academic program review, governance, and compliance reporting already performed by the LCTCS System.

Board of Regents

BOR reports that the proposed measure will have no impact on expenditures for assisting the management boards with the annual review of an institution's core curriculum or for providing consultation during the annual review of a degree program's core curriculum. Proposed bill also requires enforcement of compliance through the receipt of annual reports from the management boards certifying that the institutions under their jurisdiction complied with the new provisions during the preceding year, and there would be no additional costs to receive these reports.

Senate
Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
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