

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 1084

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STUDENT/TUITION: Provides relative to tuition and mandatory fees for public postsecondary education institutions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3384, relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts for public
3 postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public postsecondary
4 education institution to impose and adjust certain tuition and fee amounts; to provide
5 for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3384 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3384. Public postsecondary education institutions; tuition and fee authority
9 and autonomy

10 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, each
11 public postsecondary education institution may establish and adjust tuition
12 and fee amounts for all programs offered by the institution, including
13 programs granting certificates, degrees, diplomas, or other credentials of
14 value. This authority includes establishing tuition and fee amounts for
15 part-time students, dual enrollment students, and students enrolled in summer
16 and intersession terms.

17 B. When establishing tuition and fee amounts, each public
18 postsecondary education institution shall, at a minimum, consider the
19 following:

20 (1) Tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions.

1 (2) Median household income in Louisiana and in states where peer
2 institutions are located.

3 (3) Affordability.

4 (4) Total cost of attendance.

5 C. Each public postsecondary education institution shall establish a
6 process for providing adequate notice to students of tuition and fee amounts.
7 Prior to imposing any increase in tuition and fee amounts pursuant to this
8 Section, each institution shall establish criteria for waivers in cases of
9 financial hardship. Such information shall be made available to all current
10 and prospective students affected by the increase in a timely manner.

11 D. Each public postsecondary education institution shall submit a
12 written report to its management board, the Board of Regents, the House
13 Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education, the House
14 Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance not
15 later than February fifteenth annually regarding how the tuition and
16 mandatory fees authorized by this Section are being implemented.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes each public postsecondary education institution to establish and adjust tuition and fee amounts for all programs offered by the institution.

Present law provides that each public postsecondary education management board may exercise powers necessary to supervise and manage the day-to-day operations of institutions under its control, including the authority to:

- (1) Determine the tuition and mandatory fees which shall be paid by students and adjust the amount of tuition and fees.
- (2) Establish mandatory fee amounts for all programs at each institution under its supervision and control and consolidate separate fees.
- (3) Relative to differential tuition and mandatory fee amounts:
 - (a) Establish differential tuition for any graduate, professional, or specialized program.

- (b) Establish differential tuition for any undergraduate program, including but not limited to programs granting certificates, degrees, diplomas, or other credentials of value, that has been identified as a high-cost program by the Bd. of Regents.
- (c) Increase differential tuition amounts and mandatory fee amounts by no more than 10% over any two-year period and lower tuition and fee amounts with no limitation.

Proposed law retains present law and authorizes each public postsecondary education institution to establish and adjust tuition and fee amounts for all programs offered by the institution, including programs granting certificates, degrees, diplomas, or other credentials of value.

Present law requires each management board to establish a process for providing adequate notice to students of tuition and fee amounts. Requires, prior to imposing any increase in tuition or fee amounts, each management board to establish criteria for waivers in cases of financial hardship. Requires that information about such waivers shall be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase in a timely manner.

Proposed law retains present law and applies present law requirements to each institution.

Present law requires each management board to submit a written report to the Bd. of Regents, the House and Senate committees on education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance by Feb. 15th annually regarding how the tuition and mandatory fees authorized by present law are being implemented at each institution under its supervision and management.

Proposed law retains present law and requires each institution to submit a report regarding how the tuition and fees authorized by proposed law are being implemented at each institution to each of these entities, as well as to its management board, by Feb. 15th annually.

Proposed law requires each institution, when establishing tuition and fee amounts, to consider the following:

- (1) Tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions.
- (2) Median household income in La. and in states where peer institutions are located.
- (3) Affordability.
- (4) Total cost of attendance.

(Adds R.S. 17:3384)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

- (1) Reinstate all present law powers and duties of management boards relative to tuition and fees instead of granting specified powers and duties solely to institutions.
- (2) Add a requirement that institutions consider tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions, median household income in La. and states where peer institutions

are located, affordability, and total cost of attendance when establishing tuition and fees.

- (3) Remove provision that failure to submit a written report may result in a suspension by the Bd. of Regents of any pending increase of tuition or fees.