
DIGEST

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HB 1084 Reengrossed

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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 provides the following:

- (1) 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.
- (2) Provides that each institution may increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts by no more than 15% over any one-year period and allows each institution to lower tuition and fee amounts with no limitation.
- (3) Provide that the authority to establish and adjust tuition and fee amounts as provided proposed law shall be applicable beginning on Jan. 1, 2027.

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.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(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. Reinststate 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.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Limit an increase in tuition and fees to 15% in any one-year period.
2. Provide that the proposed law authority to establish and adjust tuition and fees applies beginning on Jan. 1, 2027.