

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law authorizes public postsecondary education management boards to impose tuition and attendance fees for students enrolled in an academic degree program offered entirely through distance education. New law specifies that this authority applies to undergraduate, graduate, or professional programs. Additionally authorizes the boards to impose tuition and fees for students enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or professional course offered entirely through distance education.

Existing law provides that the authority to impose tuition and fees for such academic degree programs includes the authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions and requires the boards to establish criteria for waiving tuition and fees for these programs in cases of financial hardship. New law applies these provisions to new law relative to tuition and fees for distance education courses and specifies that existing law and new law relative to proportional amounts also applies to academic periods that are not semesters or quarters.

Prior law provided that distance education was defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and authorized the imposition of tuition and fees for a distance education academic degree program when such program was comparable to a program offered through traditional in-person classroom instruction. New law removes prior law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351.17(A) and (B))