

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 970 (HB 1084)

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Existing 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 up to 10% over any two-year period.

New law 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 10% over any one-year period and allows each institution to lower tuition and fee amounts with no limitation.
- (3) Provides that the authority to establish and adjust tuition and fee amounts as provided new law shall be applicable beginning on Jan. 1, 2027.

Existing 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 be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase in a timely manner. New law applies existing law requirements to each institution.

Existing 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 existing law are implemented at each institution under its supervision and management. New law requires each institution to submit a report on how tuition and fees authorized by new law are implemented at each institution to each of these entities, as well as to its management board, by Feb. 15th annually.

New law requires each institution, when establishing tuition and fee amounts, to consider tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions, median household income in La. and in states where peer institutions are located, affordability, and total cost of attendance.

Effective upon lapse of time for gubernatorial action (June 24, 2026).

(Adds R.S. 17:3384)