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HOUSE BILL NO. 526

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STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the La. Community and Technical Colleges System Board of Supervisors to increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts at institutions under its supervision and management and permits the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts on a per credit hour basis

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc), to authorize the Board of Supervisors of
3 Community and Technical Colleges to increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts
4 at institutions under its supervision and management; to provide limitations; to
5 provide applicability; to provide for implementation, including provisions for the
6 uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts on a per-credit-hour basis;
7 to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of college and university boards

11 A. Subject only to the powers of the Board of Regents specifically
12 enumerated in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and as
13 otherwise provided by law, each postsecondary system management board as a body
14 corporate shall have authority to exercise power necessary to supervise and manage
15 the day-to-day operations of institutions of postsecondary education under its
16 control, including but not limited to the following:

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7 (cc)(I) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subitem (aa) of this Item
8 or any authority provided to the board by this Subparagraph and in accordance with
9 Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors
10 of Community and Technical Colleges is authorized to increase the tuition amount
11 and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students at community and at
12 technical-community colleges under its supervision and management provided the
13 total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts for an academic year do not
14 exceed the highest total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts in effect for
15 such students on July 1, 2011. Increases in tuition and mandatory fee amounts
16 pursuant to this Subsubitem shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the
17 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter. Additionally, the board may
18 provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fees amounts for
19 students at community and at technical-community colleges under its supervision
20 and management on a per-credit-hour basis; however, total amounts charged on a
21 per-credit-hour basis shall not exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status
22 otherwise authorized by this Subsubitem.

23 (II) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subitem (aa) of this Item or
24 any authority provided to the board by this Subparagraph and in accordance with
25 Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors
26 of Community and Technical Colleges is authorized to increase the tuition amount
27 and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students at the Louisiana
28 Technical College provided the total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts
29 do not exceed two thousand dollars for an academic year or comparable period of

time. Any increase in amounts shall be implemented in such a manner that one-third of the increase shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter, an additional one-third shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year and continuing thereafter, and the final one-third shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2013-2014 academic year and continuing thereafter. Additionally, the board may provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students at the Louisiana Technical College on a per-credit-hour basis; however, total amounts charged on a per-credit-hour basis shall not exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status otherwise authorized by this Subsubitem.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes, with certain limitations, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to increase resident tuition and mandatory fee amounts at institutions under its supervision and management. The board's authority relative to increases for students at community colleges and at technical-community colleges differs from the board's authority relative to increases for students at the La. Technical College. The increase in amounts at community colleges and at technical-community colleges are effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; the increase in amounts at the La. Technical College is to be implemented in equal amounts over the next three academic years. Provides for waivers of an increase or increases in cases of financial hardship. Permits the board, with certain limitations, to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students on a per-credit-hour basis.

Relative to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and community colleges and technical-community colleges under the board's supervision and management:

Proposed law authorizes the board (notwithstanding certain present law authority and limitations and in accordance with specified provisions in the state constitution) to increase the tuition amount and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students provided the total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts for an academic year do not exceed the highest total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts in effect for such students on July 1, 2011. Provides that amounts authorized in proposed law shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter. Additionally permits to the board to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students on a per-credit-hour basis. Specifies, however, that the total amounts charged on such basis cannot exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status otherwise authorized by proposed law.

Relative to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the Louisiana Technical College:

Proposed law authorizes the board (notwithstanding certain present law authority and limitations and in accordance with specified provisions in the state constitution) to increase the tuition amount and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students provided the total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts do not exceed \$2,000 for an academic year or comparable period of time. Specifies that any increase in amounts shall be implemented over each of the next three academic years with 1/3 of the increase being effective beginning with the fall semester each year and continuing thereafter. Additionally permits the board to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students on a per-credit-hour basis. Provides, however, that the total amounts charged on such basis cannot exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status otherwise authorized by proposed law.

Present law (R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(v)) requires the board, prior to imposing an increase in tuition or mandatory fee amounts, to establish criteria for waivers of such increase or increases in cases of financial hardship. Provides that information about such waivers and the criteria and procedures for obtaining one shall be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase or increases in a timely manner such that the prospective student can be aware of the increase or increases and the availability of waivers thereto prior to the student having to make any final decision concerning attendance at the institution.

Proposed law retains present law.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Relative to the LCTCS board's authority to impose tuition and mandatory fee amounts on a per-credit-hour basis, adds proposed law provision specifying that total amounts charged on a per-credit-hour basis cannot exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status authorized by proposed law.