

Relative to the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and community colleges and technical-community colleges under its supervision and management:

New law authorizes the board (notwithstanding certain existing 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. Amounts authorized in new law are effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter.

Relative to the board and the La. Technical College:

New law authorizes the board (notwithstanding certain existing 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.

Relative to the board and all colleges under its supervision and management:

New law 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 may not exceed the maximum amounts for full-time status otherwise authorized by new law.

Existing 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.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 24, 2011).

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