

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 671

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose certain tuition and fee amounts at certain institutions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17 through 3351.19, relative to the Board of
3 Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College;
4 to authorize the board to impose certain tuition and fee amounts at certain
5 institutions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17 through 3351.19 are hereby enacted to
8 read as follows:

9 §3351.11. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
10 Mechanical College; tuition and attendance fee amounts; Health Sciences
11 Centers; waivers

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13 E. In addition to the authority granted by this Section and any other
14 provision of law, including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with
15 the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the
16 Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical
17 College may impose the following fees for students enrolled in Louisiana State
18 University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Dentistry for the 2013-
19 2014 academic year and thereafter:

1 §3351.18. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
2 Mechanical College; digital media program fee; amount; waivers

3 A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law,
4 including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with Article VII,
5 Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
6 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College may impose at Louisiana
7 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge for the
8 Fall 2013 semester and thereafter a digital media program fee for students enrolled
9 in graduate and professional degree programs in digital media in an amount not to
10 exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per semester.

11 B. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section shall include the
12 authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer
13 sessions.

14 C. The board shall establish criteria for waiving the fee authorized in
15 Subsection A of this Section in cases of financial hardship as determined by the
16 board. Information relative to such waivers and the criteria and procedures for
17 obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely
18 manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to the
19 student making a final decision concerning attendance.

20 §3351.19. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
21 Mechanical College; facilities use and maintenance fee; amount; waivers

22 A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law,
23 including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with Article VII,
24 Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
25 State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College may impose at each
26 institution under its management and supervision, for the Fall 2013 semester and
27 thereafter, a facilities use and maintenance fee in an amount not to exceed sixty
28 dollars per semester.

1 B. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section shall include the
2 authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer
3 sessions.

4 C. The board shall establish criteria for waiving the fee authorized in
5 Subsection A of this Section in cases of financial hardship as determined by the
6 board. Information relative to such waivers and the criteria and procedures for
7 obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely
8 manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to the
9 student making a final decision concerning attendance.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose certain tuition and fee amounts at LSU-Baton Rouge, LSU School of Dentistry, and other institutions.

Proposed law authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose the following:

At LSU-Baton Rouge:

- (1) Tuition and attendance fees for students in an academic degree program offered entirely through distance education, as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), when such program is comparable to a program offered through traditional in-person classroom instruction.
- (2) A digital media program fee for students in graduate and professional degree programs in digital media in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 per semester.

At all institutions:

A facilities use and maintenance fee in an amount not to exceed \$60 per semester.

Proposed law, applicable to all of the above proposed law:

- (1) Effective for the Fall 2013 semester and thereafter.
- (2) The board may impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.
- (3) The board shall establish criteria for hardship waivers and make information about them available to prospective students.

At LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Dentistry:

- (1) For 2013-2014 and thereafter, a dental supply fee of \$300 per academic year for students in the doctor of dental surgery program, the dental hygiene program, and the dental laboratory technology program.
- (2) For 2013-2014 and thereafter, a prosthetic device fee of \$275 per academic year for second-year students in the doctor of dental surgery program.
- (3) Retains present law requirement that the board establish criteria for hardship waivers and make information about them available to prospective students.

Proposed law, applicable to all proposed law:

- (1) Provides that authority granted by all proposed law is in addition to any authority granted by present law, including the GRAD Act.
- (2) Provides that it is in accordance with present constitution, which provides that any new fee imposed or assessed by a state board or agency must be enacted by law by a 2/3 vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17-3351.19)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Deletes proposed law authority granted to LSU Bd. of Supervisors to impose a technology and infrastructure enhancement fee at LSU-Baton Rouge and instead authorizes the board to impose a facilities use and maintenance fee at all institutions under its management and supervision.