Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

BY REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHP: Prohibits a public postsecondary education management board member from awarding scholarships by virtue of his board membership

| 1 | AN ACT |
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| 2 | To enact R.S. 17:1609, relative to public postsecondary education management boards; to |
| 3 | prohibit a member of a public postsecondary education management board from |
| 4 | awarding scholarships by virtue of his board membership; to provide for |
| 5 | effectiveness; and to provide for related matters. |
| 6 | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: |
| 7 | Section 1. R.S. 17:1609 is hereby enacted to read as follows: |
| 8 | §1609. Scholarships awarded by a member of a public postsecondary education |
| 9 | management board; prohibition |
| 10 | A. No member of a public postsecondary education management board may |
| 11 | award a scholarship by virtue of his membership on the board to any student who |
| 12 | enters a public postsecondary education institution under the jurisdiction of the board |
| 13 | for the first time during the Fall 2014 semester or thereafter. |
| 14 | B. The provisions of this Section do not prohibit such a board, as a |
| 15 | governing body, from establishing and awarding scholarships. |
| 16 | C. For the purposes of this Section, "scholarship" shall mean a waiver of |
| 17 | tuition or fees, a cash award, or any combination thereof. |
| 18 | Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not |
| 19 | signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature |

- 1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
- 2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 3 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits a public postsecondary education management board member from awarding scholarships by virtue of his board membership; applicable to students who enter college for the first time during the Fall 2014 semester or thereafter.

<u>Present law</u> requires the CEO of each public postsecondary education management board to annually report to the legislature every scholarship awarded by a board member for the preceding academic year. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and, applicable to students who enter a public postsecondary education institution for the first time during the Fall 2014 semester or thereafter, prohibits any member of such a board from awarding a scholarship by virtue of his board membership. Defines "scholarship" as a waiver of tuition or fees, a cash award, or any combination thereof.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:1609)