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DIGEST

Appel (SB 62)

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for a Louisiana common application for public colleges and universities as follows:

- (1) Requires the Board of Regents, in collaboration with the public postsecondary education management boards, to provide for the development and implementation of a common application whereby Louisiana residents and nonresidents may apply to any public college and university in the state.
- (2) Provides that independent colleges and universities that are members of the La. Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Universities may utilize the La. common application.
- (3) Requires each public college and university to accept the Louisiana common application.
- (4) Provides that a student may complete the application one time and submit to as many institutions as he wishes to apply.
- (5) Provides that applications may be submitted electronically or in a paper format, as specified by the individual postsecondary institution.
- (6) Allows each public college and university to impose its customary application fee and to separately collect such supplemental documentation and information as it deems necessary to properly evaluate a student's application.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that if a student chooses to utilize the "Common Application" developed and administered by the not-for-profit membership organization, The Common Application, Inc., a public college and university may accept such application in lieu of the La. common application required by <u>proposed law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Louisiana common application shall be fully implemented and available to students applying for admission for the 2015-2016 academic year.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that <u>proposed law</u> shall not apply to graduate or professional schools or degree programs.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3138)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Provides that <u>proposed law</u> does not apply to graduate or professional schools or degree programs.