

SENATE BILL NO. 62

BY SENATOR APPEL

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3138, relative to public postsecondary education; to provide for the
3 development and implementation of a common application for admission to public
4 institutions of postsecondary education in Louisiana; to authorize use of the common
5 application by certain independent colleges and universities; to provide relative to
6 application fees; to authorize collection of ancillary information; to provide for an
7 implementation date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3138 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 **§3138. Louisiana common application; development; implementation**

11 **A.(1)(a) The Board of Regents, in collaboration with the public**
12 **postsecondary education management boards, the chairman of the Senate**
13 **Committee on Education or his designee, and the chairman of the House**
14 **Committee on Education or his designee, shall provide for the development and**
15 **implementation of a common application whereby Louisiana residents and**
16 **nonresidents may apply to any public college and university in the state.**

17 **(b) When developing the implementation plan for the common**
18 **application, consideration shall be given to best practices for successful**
19 **implementation, implementation costs, development and maintenance of a**
20 **website to facilitate the common application process, and the duties and**
21 **responsibilities of the Board of Regents and the postsecondary education**
22 **systems and institutions.**

23 **(2) Regionally accredited independent colleges and universities that are**
24 **members of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities**
25 **may also utilize the Louisiana common application.**

26 **B. Each public college and university shall accept the Louisiana common**
27 **application, which a student may complete one time and submit to as many**

institutions as he wishes to apply. Applications may be submitted electronically or in a paper format, as specified by the individual postsecondary institution.

C. Each public college and university may impose such application fees as authorized by law and may separately collect such supplemental documentation and information as it deems necessary to properly evaluate the student's application.

D. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, 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 or university may accept such application in lieu of the Louisiana common application required by this Section.

E. The Louisiana common application shall be fully implemented and available to students applying for admission for the 2016-2017 academic year.

F. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to graduate or professional schools or degree programs.

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.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____