

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Education to Original Senate Bill No. 399
by Senator Bass

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 2, line 29, delete "**secretary of state**" and insert "**United States Secretary of**
3 **State**"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 2

5 On page 3, line 3, after "**adversary.**" insert the following:

6 **"If a nation is added to 15 CFR 791.4, the Louisiana Higher Education Research**
7 **Security Council shall meet at the earliest possible opportunity to provide**
8 **guidance to the systems of higher education on existing agreements."**

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 3, line 27, delete "**or property of any kind**" and insert "**or thing of economic**
11 **value**"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 4

13 On page 7, between lines 1 and 2, insert the following:

14 **"(10) Three faculty members with research experience, one designated**
15 **by the chief academic officer of the Louisiana State University System, one**
16 **designated by the chief academic officer of the University of Louisiana System,**
17 **and one designated by the chief academic officer of the Southern University**
18 **System.**

19 **(11) The chairman of the House Select Committee on Homeland**
20 **Security, or his designee.**

21 **(12) The chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Homeland**
22 **Security, or his designee.**

23 **(13) The superintendent of the Louisiana State Police, or his designee.**

24 **(14) The chief information officer of the office of technology services, or**
25 **his designee.**

26 **(15) The lead special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, New**
27 **Orleans Field Office, or his designee, shall be invited as a nonvoting ex officio**
28 **member."**

29 AMENDMENT NO. 5

30 On page 7, delete line 3, and insert the following:

31 **"as the chairman of the council. The Board of Regents shall staff the council."**

32 AMENDMENT NO. 6

33 On page 7, line 22, delete "**December first**" and insert "**January thirty-first**"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 7

35 On page 8, line 2, delete "**foreign source or foreign adversary**" and insert "**foreign source**
36 **of a foreign adversary**"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 8

2 On page 8, delete lines 5 through 20 and insert the following:

3 "(1) Within thirty days of receiving a proposal for the gift, contract,
4 academic or research partnership, the institution shall request an assessment
5 from federal law enforcement on potential national security risks, and after
6 receiving the assessment, it shall be submitted to the Louisiana Higher
7 Education Research Security Council along with the request for approval of the
8 proposed gift, contract, academic, or research partnership. The council shall
9 have veto authority over such academic and research partnerships with a simple
10 majority vote of all council members."

11 AMENDMENT NO. 9

12 On page 8, line 21, change "(3)" to "(2)"

13 AMENDMENT NO. 10

14 On page 8, line 25, change "(4)" to "(3)"

15 AMENDMENT NO. 11

16 On page 8, line 26, delete "foreign source" and insert "foreign adversary source"

17 AMENDMENT NO. 12

18 On page 9, line 14, delete "manuals" and insert "policies"

19 AMENDMENT NO. 13

20 On page 9, line 23, delete "entity" and insert "institution of higher education"

21 AMENDMENT NO. 14

22 On page 9, line 28, after "finding" insert a "."(period) and delete the remainder of the line
23 and delete line 29

24 AMENDMENT NO. 15

25 On page 10, delete lines 1 and 2, and insert the following:

26 "D. A"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 16

28 On page 10, line 6, delete "governor" and insert "system president"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 17

30 On page 10, line 10, after "Senate" delete "and" and insert ","(comma)

31 AMENDMENT NO. 18

32 On page 10, line 11, after "Representatives" insert ", the governor, and the Louisiana
33 Higher Education Research Security Council"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 19

35 On page 10, delete lines 12 through 18

1 AMENDMENT NO. 20

2 On page 10, line 19, change "F." to "E."

3 AMENDMENT NO. 21

4 On page 10, delete lines 26 through 27 and insert the following:

5 "F. The council may adopt policies, as applicable, to implement this
6 Section. Institutions of higher education shall be in compliance with such
7 policies."

8 AMENDMENT NO. 22

9 On page 10, line 28, after "cultural" insert "exchange"

10 AMENDMENT NO. 23

11 On page 11, line 24, delete "December first" and insert "January thirty-first"

12 AMENDMENT NO. 24

13 On page 12, delete lines 17 and 18, and insert the following:

14 "G. The Board of Regents governing board of each institution of higher
15 education shall adopt rules and regulations, respectively, to administer this
16 Section in consultation with the Council and a third-party advisor, including
17 but not limited to an intelligence firm."

18 AMENDMENT NO. 25

19 On page 12, line 20, after "A." delete "An" and insert "Unless requested by a federal
20 agency, the governor, the president of the Senate, or the speaker of the House of
21 Representatives, an"

22 AMENDMENT NO. 26

23 On page 13, line 3, delete "Louisiana Board of Ethics" and replace with "Louisiana
24 Higher Education Security Council"

25 AMENDMENT NO. 27

26 On page 13, line 4, delete "board" and replace with "council"

27 AMENDMENT NO. 28

28 On page 13, line 7, delete "board" and replace with "Louisiana Legislative Auditor"

29 AMENDMENT NO. 29

30 On page 13, delete lines 10 through 14.

31 AMENDMENT NO. 30

32 On page 14, line 19, after "Board of Regents" insert ", in conjunction with the office of
33 technology services,"

34 AMENDMENT NO. 31

35 On page 14, line 21, after "Board of Regents" insert ", in conjunction with the office of
36 technology services,"

1 AMENDMENT NO. 32

2 On page 14, line 24, after "**Board of Regents**" insert "**, in conjunction with the office of**
3 **technology services,**"

4 AMENDMENT NO. 33

5 On page 14, line 25, after "**educational**" insert "**technology and**"