

**ACT No. 251**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:144(G), relative to powers and authority of the Louisiana State Board of  
3 Architectural Examiners; to establish the Louisiana Architecture Education and  
4 Research Fund; to restrict use of the fund; to regulate awards; to require annual  
5 reports; to provide for severability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:144(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §144. Powers, authority, and domicile of board

10 \* \* \*

11 G.(1) The board may allocate up to ten percent of all license renewal and  
12 delinquent fees each fiscal year to a fund to be named the Louisiana Architecture  
13 Education and Research Fund. The purpose of the fund is to better prepare students  
14 for internships and future careers as architects by authorizing the board to make  
15 awards to universities in this state accredited by and in good standing with the  
16 National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

17 (2) The fund shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following in  
18 order to improve architectural education and the licensure of student interns in this  
19 state:

20 (a) Integration of practice and education in the professional NAAB degree  
21 curriculum.

22 (b) Implementation of a path to licensure resulting in an architectural license  
23 at the time of graduation from a NAAB-accredited professional degree program.

1                    (c) Facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the  
2                    Intern Development Program (IDP) as administered by the National Council of  
3                    Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

4                    (d) Assistance of students and interns in preparation for the taking of the  
5                    Architectural Registration Exam (ARE).

6                    (e) Methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of  
7                    the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects.

8                    (3) An accredited university architectural program shall submit an annual  
9                    proposal and budget, including any information deemed necessary by the board, to  
10                   be considered for any award from the board.

11                   (4) The board shall submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative  
12                   oversight committee regarding its allocation of monies from the fund for the  
13                   preceding fiscal year.

14                   Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such  
15                   invalidity shall not affect other provisions, or applications of this Act which can be given  
16                   effect without the invalid provisions, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this  
17                   Act are hereby declared severable.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_