

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE EDMONDS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires each public postsecondary education management board to develop a centralization plan and a cooperative unification plan and submit them to the legislature

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3357, relative to the public postsecondary education management boards;
3 to require the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
4 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
5 Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of
6 Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
7 Colleges to develop plans and submit them to the legislature; to provide for the
8 content of such plans; to provide for an initial submission deadline and subsequent
9 submission frequency; and to provide for related matters.

10 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

11 Section 1. R.S. 17:3357 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §3357. Plans; centralization and cooperative unification

13 A. The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural
14 and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
15 Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of
16 Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical
17 Colleges each shall develop the following plans:

18 (1) A plan relative to centralization, which, at a minimum, shall:

1 (a) Review centralization efforts and examine potential efficiencies resulting
2 from further centralization of administrative functions, including but not limited to
3 purchasing, payroll, financial aid, maintenance and operations, human resources, and
4 other administrative functions performed on individual campuses.

5 (b) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings
6 associated with centralization measures.

7 (2) A plan relative to cooperative unification, which shall be developed in
8 collaboration with regional stakeholders for institutions within each of the regional
9 labor market areas and for institutions in contiguous regions. This plan, at a
10 minimum, shall:

11 (a) Identify potential efficiencies resulting from the unification of functions
12 and processes, including but not limited to academic and technical offerings suited
13 for regional workforce and economic needs, student services, research, purchasing,
14 food services, and security.

15 (b) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings
16 associated with cooperative unification measures.

17 B. Each board shall submit its initial plans relative to centralization and
18 cooperative unification to the House Committee on Education and the Senate
19 Committee on Education not later than January 1, 2018, and shall submit updated
20 plans to the committees by January first every four years thereafter.

DIGEST

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HB 133 Engrossed

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Abstract: Requires the public postsecondary management boards to develop and submit to the legislature plans relative to centralization and cooperative unification.

Proposed law requires the Board of Supervisors of La. State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of La. System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges each to develop the following plans:

- (1) A plan relative to centralization, which, at a minimum, shall:
 - (a) Review centralization efforts and examine potential efficiencies resulting from further centralization of administrative functions, including but not limited to purchasing, payroll, financial aid, maintenance and operations, human resources, and other administrative functions performed on individual campuses.
 - (b) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with centralization measures.
- (2) A plan relative to cooperative unification, which, at a minimum, shall:
 - (a) Be developed in collaboration with regional stakeholders for institutions within each of the regional labor market areas and for institutions in contiguous regions.
 - (b) Identify potential efficiencies resulting from the unification of functions and processes, including but not limited to academic and technical offerings suited for regional workforce and economic needs, student services, research, purchasing, food services, and security.
 - (c) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with unification measures.

Proposed law requires each board to submit its initial plans to the House and Senate education committees not later than Jan. 1, 2018, and by Jan. first every four years thereafter.

(Adds R.S. 17:3357)