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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires public postsecondary education management boards to establish a policy for forgiving students' outstanding tuition and fees upon the student's reenrollment.

Present law establishes the policy of this state to aggressively pursue the collection of accounts or claims due and payable to the state through all reasonable means. All debts owed to the state shall be referred to either the attorney general's office or to the office of debt recovery for collection.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board to develop waiver policies for students with outstanding tuition and fees who withdraw from and reenroll in an institution.

Proposed law provides the following conditions of eligibility for a waiver:

- (1) The student shall be at least 25 years old.
- (2) He shall have withdrawn from an institution at least 3 years prior to seeking reenrollment.
- (3) He shall return to continue undergraduate coursework.

Proposed law requires each board to notify the office of the attorney general to cease attempts at debt collection when a student's outstanding tuition and fees are waived.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.21)