

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 83

BY SENATOR FIELDS

POSTSECONDARY ED. Grants public postsecondary education management boards the authority to set admission standards for member institutions. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3153 and 3351(M) and to repeal R.S. 17:2138, relative to public  
3 postsecondary education; to grant postsecondary education management boards the  
4 authority to set admission standards for the institutions under their supervision and  
5 management; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3153 and 3351(M) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§3153. Admission standards; postsecondary education management board**  
9 **authority**

10 **A. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 17:3139.2 or any other law to**  
11 **the contrary, each public postsecondary education management board shall**  
12 **have the sole authority to establish and revise the admission standards for each**  
13 **postsecondary educational institution under its supervision and management,**  
14 **including the use of standardized test scores for admittance into an institution**  
15 **and placement into college-level courses.**

16 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education  
17 management boards

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2 **M.(1) Establish admission standards for each institution under its**  
3 **supervision and management.**

4 **(2) By January 1, 2021, each board shall adopt admission standards for**  
5 **each institution under its supervision and management. The admission**  
6 **standards shall seek to ensure student access and success and fulfill the mission**  
7 **of the institution.**

8 Section 2. R.S. 17:2138 is hereby repealed.

9 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
13 effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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Proposed law grants each public postsecondary education management board the sole authority to establish admissions standards for the institutions under its supervision and management.

Present law requires students who are residents of another state to meet certain standardized test scores for admittance into an institution.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3153 and 3351(M); repeals R.S. 17:2138)