

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

PUBLIC RECORDS: Provides that public institutions of postsecondary education furnish public records without charge to student media organizations affiliated with the institution

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 44:32(C)(2), relative to public records; to provide for public
3 records held by public postsecondary education institutions; to provide for copying
4 fees paid by student-produced media outlets affiliated with the institution; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 44:32(C)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §32. Duty to permit examination; prevention of alteration; payment for overtime;
9 copies provided; fees

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13 (2)(a) For all public records of state agencies, it shall be the duty of the
14 custodian of such records to provide copies to persons so requesting, unless the
15 requestor fails to pay the applicable copying fees after being notified of the amount
16 in advance of production or the requestor has an outstanding balance from a prior
17 request. Fees for such copies shall be charged according to the uniform fee schedule
18 adopted by the commissioner of administration as provided by R.S. 39:241 or as
19 otherwise fixed or provided by law. Copies of records may be furnished without

1 charge or at a reduced charge to indigent citizens of this state or the persons whose
2 use of such copies, as determined by the custodian, will be limited to a public
3 purpose, including but not limited to use in a hearing before any governmental
4 regulatory commission.

5 (b) Copies of records held by a public postsecondary education institution
6 shall be furnished without charge to any student-produced media outlet that is
7 affiliated with the institution and that is funded in whole or in part by fees levied by
8 the institution or by students enrolled at the institution.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires copies of records held by a public postsecondary education institution to be furnished without charge to any student media organization affiliated with the institution.

Present law requires the custodian of public records held by a state agency to provide copies of records to persons so requesting, unless the requestor fails to pay the applicable copying fees after being notified of the amount in advance of production or the requestor has an outstanding balance from a prior request.

Proposed law retains present law except to provide that copies of records held by a public postsecondary education institution shall be furnished without charge to any student-produced media outlet affiliated with the institution and funded by fees levied by the institution or by students enrolled at the institution.

(Amends R.S. 44:32(C)(2))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on House and Governmental Affairs to the original bill:

1. Add that the student-produced media outlet may be one funded by fees levied by students enrolled at the institution.