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DIGEST

Claitor (SB 1)

Present law (Act No. 43 of 1884 RS) provides for an agreement between the administrators of the Tulane Education Fund and the state. Provides that, in consideration of the vesting of the administration of the University of Louisiana in the administrators, of the transfer of the rights, powers, privileges, franchises, and immunities of the university to the administrators, and of the exemption from all taxation, the administrators will develop, foster, and maintain the University of La., to be known as the "Tulane University of Louisiana", and use their powers to create and maintain in New Orleans a great university. Also provides that the administrators waive all legal claim upon the state for any appropriation in favor of the university.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law (§6 of Act No. 43 of 1884 RS, as amended) further provides that the administrators agree to give continuously, in the academic department, free tuition to students nominated by members of the legislature. Provides that each legislator has the right to nominate one student from among the state's citizens and that each nominee shall comply with the admission requirements established by the administrators. Further provides that the free tuition shall continue for a period not to exceed the time remaining in the term of the nominating legislator from the time such appointment begins, unless his scholarship has ceased from other causes. Provides that the same student may be appointed in successive years and that when a scholarship becomes vacant, from any cause, the legislator who appointed the previous student, or his successor, shall, in the manner prescribed by these provisions, immediately name a successor.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Proposed law (R.S. 17:1891) provides that, effective for the 2015-2016 academic year and thereafter, all free tuition granted by Tulane University through the Tulane Legislative Scholarship Program established pursuant to Act No. 43 of 1884 RS, as amended, shall be awarded as follows:

- (1) Provides that proposed law shall be known and may be cited as the "Legislative Scholarship Fairness Act".
- (2) Each Tulane Legislative Scholarship shall provide one year of full undergraduate tuition for La. residents who meet the eligibility criteria requirements established by Tulane University and the provisions of proposed law.
- (3) Nominations for a scholarship period of less than one year, may be made if the student will be graduating before the end of the academic year.

- (4) No legislator can nominate his relative for a Tulane Legislative Scholarship.
- (5) No La. elected official is eligible to receive a Tulane Legislative Scholarship.
- (6) No person who is a relative of a La. elected official is eligible to receive a Tulane Legislative Scholarship.
- (7) A legislator may nominate a student for a Tulane Legislative Scholarship directly or request Tulane to award the scholarship on his behalf through an open competition.
- (8) Provides a selection preference for surviving children of members of the United States armed forces, employees of the U.S. Dept. of State, and law enforcement officers and other public personnel (as delineated in R.S. 33:2201(B)) killed while on active duty or otherwise performing the prescribed duties of their office or position.
- (9) Requires a student who receives a Tulane Legislative Scholarship for two or more academic years to perform twice the number of public service hours specified in the university's public service graduation requirement.
- (10) Requires each legislator to publish information regarding the existence of the Tulane Legislative Scholarship Program on his legislative website and include a link to the Tulane website where potential recipients can obtain an application form and detailed information on scholarship eligibility criteria, guidelines, deadlines, and other program requirements.
- (11) Prohibits legislators from receiving or accepting campaign contributions from a recipient or a relative of a Tulane Legislative Scholarship recipient.
- (12) Requires Tulane University to publish annually Tulane Legislative Scholarship Program information including: (1) the name and city of residence of each scholarship recipient, (2) the name and district number of the nominating legislator, and, (3) if related to an elected official, the name of the elected official to whom the recipient is related.

Prohibits publication of Tulane Legislative Scholarship information in violation of state or federal law, including the Federal Education Rights Privacy Act (FERPA).

- (13) Defines "relative" and "related" as a scholarship recipient's child, brother, sister, parent, spouse, former spouse, aunt, uncle, nephew, niece, first cousin, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law, and brother-in-law, whether such relationship is by blood or marriage.

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

(Amends Ch. 6 of Title 17; adds R.S. 17:1891)