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## DIGEST

Donahue (SB 358)

Present law (La. Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act - "GRAD Act") authorizes public postsecondary education institutions to enter into performance agreements with the Board of Regents in order to be granted certain tuition authority and limited operational autonomy and flexibility in exchange for committing to meet established targets for performance objectives as applicable to the institution.

Present law provides for autonomies for base, intermediate, and high levels. Present law includes as a high-level autonomy the authority to participate in a pilot procurement code as established by the initial qualifying institution to be in place for an initial period of three years and approved by the division of administration. The initial qualifying institution shall establish any pilot procurement code pursuant to rules and regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. An institution granted this autonomy may use this pilot procurement code in lieu of the Louisiana Procurement Code, subject to the prior review and approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law retains present law and provides that with the approval of the division of administration and the JLCB, the model procurement code may provide that other institutions under the same managing board as the initial qualifying institution may utilize the model procurement code, provided the procurement is conducted under the auspices of a shared services model managed by a qualifying institution.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 17:3139.5(5)(c)(i))