

ACT No. 13

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 433

BY REPRESENTATIVES CARTER, BROADWATER, CHAMPAGNE, HOLLIS, IVEY,
JEFFERSON, REYNOLDS, RICHARD, SHADOIN, AND SMITH

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:1808(J)(1) and (K) and 3141.15(G) and to enact R.S.
3 17:1808(L) and 3141.15(H), relative to reciprocity agreements that provide for
4 interstate, online, postsecondary education; to authorize the Board of Regents to
5 enter into and administer such agreements; to provide for participation by institutions
6 in interstate, online education; to provide for application fees; and to provide for
7 related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:1808(J)(1) and (K) and 3141.15(G) are hereby amended and
10 reenacted and R.S. 17:1808(L) and 3141.15(H) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §1808. Registration and licensure of postsecondary, academic degree-granting
12 institutions

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14 J.(1) Each public and independent institution of higher education funded in
15 whole or in part through general appropriations of the state of Louisiana in Fiscal
16 Year 1992 or which is specifically eligible for funding under the provisions of R.S.
17 17:2053(D) or which was a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent
18 Colleges and Universities on January 1, 2001, shall be exempt from the provisions
19 of this Section except as provided in Subsection K of this Section.

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21 K.(1) The Board of Regents may, if it deems such agreements to be
22 consistent with the purposes of this Chapter, negotiate and enter into state
23 authorization reciprocity agreements that allow accredited postsecondary academic
24 degree-granting institutions located in one state to offer online instruction in other

1 states pursuant to the terms of the reciprocity agreement. The Board of Regents shall
2 administer such agreements.

3 (2) If the Board of Regents enters into such an agreement, any accredited
4 postsecondary academic degree-granting institution located in Louisiana may apply
5 to the Board of Regents for authorization to offer online instruction in other states
6 pursuant to the terms of the reciprocity agreement. The Board of Regents may
7 approve or disapprove any such application. If the Board of Regents approves an
8 application, the period of approval shall not be longer than one year. The Board of
9 Regents shall assess an application fee not to exceed one thousand five hundred
10 dollars for the initial and for each annual application to defray the costs of reviewing
11 and evaluating such applications.

12 (3) Any accredited postsecondary academic degree-granting institution
13 approved by another state and offering online instruction to Louisiana residents shall
14 be exempt from the provisions of this Section, subject to the terms of such
15 agreements.

16 L. The provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act shall be applicable
17 to any rule or regulation adopted by the Board of Regents pursuant to this Section.

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19 §3141.15. Degree granting status

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21 G.(1) The Board of Regents may, if it deems such agreements to be
22 consistent with the purposes of this Chapter, negotiate and enter into state
23 authorization reciprocity agreements that allow accredited degree-granting
24 proprietary schools located in one state to offer online instruction in other states
25 pursuant to the terms of the reciprocity agreement. The Board of Regents shall
26 administer such agreements.

27 (2) If the Board of Regents enters into such an agreement, any accredited
28 degree-granting proprietary schools located in Louisiana and licensed by the Board
29 of Regents pursuant to this Chapter may apply to the Board of Regents for
30 authorization to offer online instruction in other states pursuant to the terms of the

1 reciprocity agreement. The Board of Regents may approve or disapprove any such
 2 application. If the Board of Regents approves an application, the period of approval
 3 shall not be longer than one year. The Board of Regents shall assess an application
 4 fee not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars for the initial application and for
 5 each annual application to defray the costs of reviewing and evaluating such
 6 applications.

7 (3) Any accredited, degree-granting proprietary school approved by another
 8 state and offering online instruction to Louisiana residents shall be exempt from the
 9 provisions of this Chapter, subject to the terms of such agreements.

10 H. Nothing herein shall impair the right of private colleges to award degrees.

11 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 12 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 13 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 14 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 15 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____