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 DIGEST

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Appel

SB No. 108

Present law provides that the Board of Regents shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to administer and implement board programs and policies. Further provides that the commissioner shall possess such qualifications and have such other powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities as established by the board or as provided by law. Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that the commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the board and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate. Provides that the salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined by the board, subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). Proposed law deletes the requirements that the Senate confirm the appointment of the commissioner and that JLCB approve the salary of the commissioner. Otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3123.1(B) and (C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Retains present law requirement that commissioner of higher education be confirmed by the Senate.

Senate Floor Amendments to reengrossed bill

1. Technical.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the reengrossed bill.

1. Deletes present law requirement that the appointment of the commissioner of higher education be confirmed by the Senate.