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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the higher education management boards to establish and modify, as they deem necessary, tuition and fees charged for graduate, professional, and other postbaccalaureate programs.

Proposed law authorizes the management boards of public higher education to modify tuition, fees, and fee amounts for graduate programs at institutions under their respective management and supervision. Further authorizes the boards to establish proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions. Provides relative to waivers of tuition and fees authorized by proposed law in cases of financial hardship or extraordinary merit.

Present law, the GRAD Act, authorizes specific tuition and fee increases at public postsecondary education institutions contingent on those institutions meeting performance goals established by agreement with the Board of Regents. Proposed law provides that the authority to modify tuition and fees authorized by proposed law is not subject to such contingencies.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.20)