

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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**Jefferson**

Existing law grants to each public postsecondary education management board the authority to establish tuition and mandatory attendance fee amounts applicable to nonresident students. Existing law sets as the minimum for such amounts the average nonresident tuition and fee amounts at Southern Regional Education Bd. (SREB) schools in the same SREB category. New law provides an exception applicable to historically black colleges and universities; provides that the minimum for nonresident tuition and fee amounts at such institutions is the amount paid by resident undergraduate students at the same institution.

Existing law, the La. Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas (GRAD) Act, provides that public postsecondary education institutions that meet certain performance targets are granted specified authority for tuition increases and some operational autonomy and flexibility. Prior law provided that one such target for historically black colleges and universities was increases in nonresident tuition to an amount not less than the average tuition charged to La. residents attending public historically black colleges and universities in other SREB states. New law, which is applicable to performance agreements entered after the effective date of new law, provides that the nonresident tuition and fee targets for undergraduate programs at those institutions shall not be less than the average tuition and fees charged to resident undergraduate students at the same institution.

Effective August 1, 2015.

(Amends R.S. 17:3139.2(4)(c) and 3351(A)(5)(b)(i))