

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

ARCHITECTS: Provides relative to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:144(G), relative to powers and authority of the Louisiana State Board of  
3 Architectural Examiners; to establish the Louisiana Architecture Education and  
4 Research Fund; to restrict use of the fund; to regulate awards; to require annual  
5 reports; to provide for severability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for  
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:144(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §144. Powers, authority, and domicile of board

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11 G.(1) The board may allocate up to ten percent of all license renewal and  
12 delinquent fees each fiscal year to a fund to be named the Louisiana Architecture  
13 Education and Research Fund. The purpose of the fund is to better prepare students  
14 for internships and future careers as architects by authorizing the board to make  
15 awards to universities in this state accredited by and in good standing with the  
16 National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

17 (2) The fund shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following in  
18 order to improve architectural education and the licensure of student interns in this  
19 state:

1           (a) Integration of practice and education in the professional NAAB degree  
2           curriculum.

3           (b) Implementation of a path to licensure resulting in an architectural license  
4           at the time of graduation from a NAAB-accredited professional degree program.

5           (c) Facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the  
6           Intern Development Program (IDP) as administered by the National Council of  
7           Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

8           (d) Assistance of students and interns in preparation for the taking of the  
9           Architectural Registration Exam (ARE).

10          (e) Methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of  
11          the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects.

12          (3) An accredited university architectural program shall submit an annual  
13          proposal and budget, including any information deemed necessary by the board, to  
14          be considered for any award from the board.

15          (4) The board shall submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative  
16          oversight committee regarding its allocation of monies from the fund for the  
17          preceding fiscal year.

18          Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such  
19          invalidity shall not affect other provisions, or applications of this Act which can be given  
20          effect without the invalid provisions, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this  
21          Act are hereby declared severable.

22          Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
23          signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
24          by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
25          vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
26          effective on the day following such approval.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for and regulates use of the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund.

Present law enumerates powers and describes the authority of the State Bd. of Architectural Examiners ("board").

Proposed law authorizes the board to allocate up to 10% of all license renewal fees and delinquency fees each fiscal year to a fund to be named the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund ("fund").

Proposed law clarifies the purpose of the fund.

Proposed law declares that the fund shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following in order to improve architectural education and the licensure of student interns in this state:

- (1) Integration of practice and education in the professional National Architectural Accrediting Board ("NAAB") degree curriculum.
- (2) Implementation of path to licensure resulting in an architectural license at the time of graduation from a NAAB-accredited professional degree program.
- (3) Facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the Intern Development Program ("IDP") as administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards ("NCARB").
- (4) Assistance of students and interns in preparation for the taking of the Architectural Registration Exam ("ARE").
- (5) Methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects.

Proposed law requires an accredited university architectural program to submit an annual proposal and budget, including any information deemed necessary by the board, to be considered for any award from the board.

Proposed law requires the board to submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative oversight committee regarding its allocation of monies from the fund for the preceding fiscal year.

(Adds R.S. 37:144(G))