

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 989

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to tuition and fees applicable to nonresident students

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(i), relative to nonresident tuition and fees at  
3 public postsecondary education institutions; to remove limitations on the tuition and  
4 fee amounts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education  
9 management boards

10 A. Subject only to the powers of the Board of Regents specifically  
11 enumerated in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and as  
12 otherwise provided by law, each postsecondary system management board as a body  
13 corporate shall have authority to exercise power necessary to supervise and manage  
14 the day-to-day operations of institutions of postsecondary education under its  
15 control, including but not limited to the following:

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17 (5)

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19 (b)(i)~~(aa)~~ In accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of  
20 Louisiana, each management board also shall have authority to establish tuition and  
21 mandatory attendance fee amounts applicable to nonresident students at an

1 institution under its supervision and management ~~that at least equal the average~~  
 2 ~~amount of annual tuition and mandatory attendance fees for the ensuing fiscal year~~  
 3 ~~applicable to nonresident students, at institutions in states comprising the Southern~~  
 4 ~~Regional Education Board, excluding Louisiana, which are in the same category as~~  
 5 ~~established by the Southern Regional Education Board. Such amounts shall be based~~  
 6 ~~on the latest available information that is obtainable by the Board of Regents from~~  
 7 ~~the regional education board.~~

8 (bb) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Subitem (aa) of this Item, the Board~~  
 9 ~~of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and~~  
 10 ~~the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System may reduce tuition~~  
 11 ~~and mandatory attendance fee amounts applicable to nonresident undergraduate~~  
 12 ~~students at historically black colleges and universities under the supervision and~~  
 13 ~~management of the respective board to an amount not less than the average amount~~  
 14 ~~of annual tuition and mandatory attendance fees applicable to resident undergraduate~~  
 15 ~~students at the same institution. This authority includes the authority to impose~~  
 16 ~~proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer and intersession terms.~~

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#### DIGEST

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HB 989 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Removes a requirement that out-of-state tuition and fees at public colleges and universities be at least equal to amounts charged at peer institutions in the Southern Regional Education Bd. (SREB).

Present law authorizes the management boards of the public postsecondary education systems to establish tuition and mandatory attendance fee amounts applicable to nonresident students at their respective institutions. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law requires that tuition and fee amounts for nonresident students be at least equal to the average amount of annual tuition and mandatory attendance fees for nonresident students at peer institutions in states comprising the SREB, excluding La. Present law provides an exception to this requirement for historically black colleges and universities. Proposed law removes the requirement and the exception.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(i))