

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

STUDENT/TUITION: Removes termination of the authority of public postsecondary education management boards to establish and increase student fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F), relative to fees charged to students at
3 public postsecondary education institutions; to remove limitations on the authority
4 of a public postsecondary education management board to establish, adjust, and
5 increase certain fees; to extend the requirement that such boards report annually to
6 the legislature relative to such fees; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F) are hereby amended and reenacted to read
9 as follows:

10 §3351.20. Mandatory fees

11 A.(1) In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law,
12 including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, 3351.7, and 3351.8, and in accordance
13 with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Legislature of
14 Louisiana hereby authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University
15 and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern
16 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for
17 the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
18 Community and Technical Colleges to establish at each institution under their
19 respective management and supervision mandatory fees to be charged to students
20 enrolled at such institutions and to adjust the amounts of such fees as they deem

- revenue per full time equivalent (FTE) student from all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student plus the revenue per FTE student from state and local appropriations shall not exceed the national average per FTE student revenue from state appropriations, local appropriations, tuition, and fees as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) by Carnegie classification, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent funding statistics as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current fiscal year (FY) using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).
- (3) The total of all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student enrolled in the LSUHSC, ULM pharmacy program, and SULC shall not exceed the tuition and fees charged, as reported by the NCES, of national peers selected by the institution, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent tuition and fee amounts per FTE student as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current FY using the HEPI.
 - (4) Requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of revenues realized pursuant to present law to provide need-based financial assistance to students eligible to receive a Pell Grant.
 - (5) Prohibits revenues generated by fees imposed pursuant to present law from being used for any other purpose except for support of the university at which the fees were collected.
 - (6) Provides that the fee authority granted by present law includes the authority to impose a fee for the administration of certain student surveys.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F))