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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the public postsecondary management boards to develop and submit to the legislature plans relative to centralization and cooperative unification.

Proposed law requires the Board of Supervisors of La. State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of La. System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges each to develop the following plans:

- (1) A plan relative to centralization, which, at a minimum, shall:
  - (a) Review centralization efforts and examine potential efficiencies resulting from further centralization of administrative functions, including but not limited to purchasing, payroll, financial aid, maintenance and operations, human resources, and other administrative functions performed on individual campuses.
  - (b) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with centralization measures.
- (2) A plan relative to cooperative unification, which, at a minimum, shall:
  - (a) Be developed in collaboration with regional stakeholders for institutions within each of the regional labor market areas and for institutions in contiguous regions.
  - (b) Identify potential efficiencies resulting from the unification of functions and processes, including but not limited to academic and technical offerings suited for regional workforce and economic needs, student services, research, purchasing, food services, and security.
  - (c) Examine the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with unification measures.

Proposed law requires each board to submit its initial plans to the House and Senate education committees not later than Jan. 1, 2018, and by Jan. first every four years thereafter.

(Adds R.S. 17:3357)