

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 528

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to the outcomes-based funding formula for public postsecondary education

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3129.2(H), relative to the management of public postsecondary education;
3 to provide relative to the outcomes-based funding formula; to create the Public
4 Postsecondary Education Funding Formula Panel; to require that such formula
5 allocation be developed using audited data; to provide for annual review and
6 approval of the formula application; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3129.2(H) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3129.2. Postsecondary education; outcomes-based funding formula; creation;
10 components; approval; implementation; reports; review; hearings; approval

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12 H.(1) The Public Postsecondary Education Funding Formula Panel, referred
13 to in this Section as the "panel", is hereby created. The panel shall be composed of
14 seven members. The president of each public postsecondary education system shall
15 serve as an ex officio member of the panel, and one member shall be appointed by
16 the governor, with consent of the Senate, one member shall be appointed by the
17 Louisiana House of Representatives from the membership of the Louisiana
18 Workforce Investment Council, and one member shall be appointed by the Louisiana
19 Senate from the membership of the Louisiana Innovation Council. The governor's
20 appointee shall serve as chairman of the panel.

1 (2) Upon the development of a preliminary formula allocation for the ensuing
2 fiscal year, which shall be developed using audited data, the Board of Regents shall
3 submit it to the panel not later than March thirty-first of each year.

4 (3) The commissioner of higher education shall convene public meetings
5 pertaining to the preliminary formula allocation at which students, faculty, staff,
6 administrators, management boards, and interested persons may appear and present
7 testimony. The meetings shall be recorded and archived.

8 (4) The commissioner of higher education and the panel shall collaboratively
9 and jointly review the preliminary formula allocation and consider public testimony
10 delivered at the public meetings. A favorable vote of at least five panel members
11 shall be required for approval of the formula allocation. If the panel approves the
12 formula allocation, the Board of Regents shall adopt it at its June meeting and submit
13 it to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the House Committee on
14 Education, and the Senate Committee on Education not later than seventy-two hours
15 prior to the final adjournment of the Regular Session of the Legislature. If the panel
16 fails to approve the formula allocation, the last formula allocation adopted by the
17 board shall be used.

DIGEST

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HB 528 Reengrossed

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Abstract: Relative to the outcomes-based funding formula for public postsecondary education, creates a seven-member panel to which the Bd. of Regents shall annually submit a preliminary formula allocation; requires that the allocation be developed using audited data; requires favorable vote of five panel members to approve the allocation.

Present law requires the commissioner of higher education and the president of each public postsecondary education system to jointly and collaboratively develop a comprehensive outcomes-based funding formula for public postsecondary education.

Proposed law creates the Public Postsecondary Education Funding Formula Panel and provides for seven members as follows:

- (1) The president of each public postsecondary education system.

- (2) One member appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, serving as chairman.
- (3) One member appointed by the La. House of Representatives from the membership of the La. Workforce Investment Council.
- (4) One member appointed by the La. Senate from the membership of the La. Innovation Council.

Proposed law further:

- (1) Requires the Bd. of Regents, upon the development of a preliminary formula allocation, which shall be developed using audited data, to submit it to the panel not later than March 31st annually.
- (2) Requires the commissioner of higher education to convene public meetings pertaining to such allocation.
- (3) Requires the commissioner and the panel to review the allocation and consider public testimony delivered at the public meetings.
- (4) Requires a favorable vote of at least five panel members for approval of the allocation.

Proposed law provides that if the panel approves the allocation, the board shall adopt it at its June meeting and submit it to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget, the House Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education not later than 72 hours prior to the final adjournment of the R.S. Provides that if the panel fails to approve the allocation, the last allocation adopted by the board shall be used.

(Adds R.S. 17:3129.2(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Delete all proposed law which would have provided for a board to replace the Bd. of Regents, provided for its powers and duties, including responsibility for the funding formula, and provided for transition of authority from the Bd. of Regents to the new board and replace it with proposed law that creates a seven-member panel to which the Bd. of Regents shall annually submit a preliminary funding formula allocation, which shall use audited data, and requires a favorable vote of five panel members for allocation approval.