

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

HB 133

2017 Regular Session

Edmonds

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

- (1) A plan relative to centralization, which, at a minimum, would have:
 - (a) Reviewed centralization efforts and examined 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) Examined 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, would have:
 - (a) Been developed in collaboration with regional stakeholders for institutions within each of the regional labor market areas and for institutions in contiguous regions.
 - (b) Identified 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) Examined the potential short-term and long-term costs and savings associated with unification measures.

Proposed law would have required 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.

(Proposed to add R.S. 17:3357)

VETO MESSAGE:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have chosen to exercise my authority to veto House Bill 133 from the 2017 Regular Session. House Bill 133 effectively creates a duplicative and unnecessary burden on higher education as the same subject matter was addressed in Act No. 619 from the 2016 Regular Legislative Session. Signing this bill would require two separate reports for the same purpose. Further, House Bill 133 creates an obligation for each post-secondary management board to develop and submit "plans" and not just "reports" which obligation continues indefinitely with additional plan submissions every four years. At a time when higher education is significantly underfunded and resources are limited, this would be unnecessary.