

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 46

BY SENATOR APPEL

POSTSECONDARY ED. Provides relative to the master plan for postsecondary education.  
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(1) and (2), relative to postsecondary  
3 education; to provide relative to the master plan for postsecondary education; to  
4 provide for the review and revision of the master plan and mission statements for  
5 public postsecondary education systems and institutions; and to provide for related  
6 matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted  
9 to read as follows:

10 §3128. Power to formulate master plan; mission establishment

11 A.(1) The Board of Regents shall have the power to formulate and make  
12 timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education. As a minimum, the  
13 plan shall include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of  
14 postsecondary education. The board shall submit its plan and formula for funding to  
15 the governor and the legislature.

16 **(2)(a) The Board of Regents shall, at a minimum, review the master plan**  
17 **for postsecondary education at least once every four years and revise as deemed**

1           necessary and appropriate.

2                   **(b) The board shall review and submit a revised master plan to the**  
3           **governor and the legislature not later than September 1, 2019.**

4           B.(1) After consultation with each postsecondary education management  
5           board, the chancellor, and the president of each public institution of postsecondary  
6           education, the Board of Regents shall devise, describe, and establish a mission for  
7           each public **college and** university system and for each institution within each  
8           system. Each mission statement shall be included in and form the basis of the master  
9           plan provided for in Subsection A of this Section. Initial mission statements shall be  
10           completed no later than January 15, 1989, ~~shall be reviewed periodically, and shall~~  
11           ~~be individually revised as often thereafter as is necessary~~ **These mission statements**  
12           **shall be reviewed at least once every four years and revised as necessary and**  
13           **appropriate in order** to achieve and maintain the institutional balance necessary to  
14           diversity, access, and excellence.

15           (2) The Board of Regents shall make such recommendations for legislative  
16           or gubernatorial action necessary to support the development of each system and  
17           institution as provided in its mission statement. ~~Annually, the~~ **Not later than**  
18           **January thirtieth of each year, the** board shall **submit a** report to the legislature  
19           and the governor on the status of ~~higher~~ **postsecondary** education relative to the  
20           mission statements, including in such report all revisions since the last report and any  
21           recommendations for legislative or gubernatorial action.

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23           Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
24           signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
25           by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
26           vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
27           effective on the day following such approval.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jeanne C. Johnston.

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	DIGEST	
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Present law requires the Board of Regents to formulate and make timely revision of a master plan for postsecondary education that includes a formula for the equitable distribution of funds to institutions of postsecondary education. Present law further requires the board to establish a mission for each public university system and for each institution within each system and to include these mission statements in the master plan.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally requires the Board of Regents to review and revise, as necessary, the master plan for postsecondary education and the mission statements for each public college and university system at least once every four years.

Proposed law requires the Board of Regents to review and submit a revised master plan for postsecondary education to the governor and the legislature not later than September 1, 2019.

Present law requires the Board of Regents to report annually to the legislature and the governor on the status of higher education relative to the mission statements, including revisions since the last report and any recommendations for legislative or gubernatorial action.

Proposed law retains present law and additionally specifies that the annual report be submitted no later than January 30th of each year.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(1) and (2))