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## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

SB 559

2018 Regular Session

Morrish

### **Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

GAMING. Authorizes public institutions of higher education, when licensed, to conduct raffles. (8/1/18)

### **Report adopts House amendments to:**

1. Change references of "public institutions of higher learning" to "public institutions of higher education".

### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

Present law provides that the office of charitable gaming may license charitable organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law allows the office to license certain organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance without the organization having to qualify with the IRS for a federal income tax exemption.

Proposed law adds public institutions of higher education to the list of organizations and otherwise retains present law.

Present law provides that the governing authority of any parish or municipality may license certain organizations to hold and operate certain games of chance without having to qualify with the IRS for a federal income tax exemption.

Proposed law adds public institutions of higher education to the list of organizations and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law defines "public institution of higher education" as each in-state public graduate and undergraduate institution, public junior and community college, public technical institute, and each separate school or department of the institution, college, or institute when the entire net proceeds of a game of chance conducted pursuant to present law is devoted to support the institution.

Present law provides that a charitable organization, upon application to a municipality or parish that

permits games of chance within in its limits, may conduct a raffle without a license if the municipality or parish finds that the organization is conducting the raffle to support a local elementary or secondary school or support the community.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law provides that a licensed public institution of higher education may conduct a raffle without a license in a municipality or parish that permits games of chance when the entire net proceeds of the games of chance are devoted to supporting the institution.

Effective Aug. 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 4:707(D) and (F)(3); adds R.S. 4:707(E)(6))