

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 81

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

ETHICS/NEPOTISM: Provides an exception to allow immediate family members of a coach of a collegiate athletic program to be employed on the staff of that program

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 42:1119(I), relative to nepotism; to provide an exception to allow an
3 immediate family member of a coach of an athletic program at a public higher
4 education institution to be employed on the staff of that program; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:1119(I) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1119. Nepotism

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10 I. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the employment of an immediate
11 family member of a coach of an athletic program at a public higher education
12 institution on the staff of that program nor shall the provisions of this Section be
13 construed to hinder, alter, or in any way affect normal promotional advancements for
14 such an immediate family member.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to the nepotism prohibitions to allow an immediate family member of a coach of a collegiate athletic program to be employed on the staff of that program.

Present law (ethics code) generally prohibits an immediate family member of an agency head from being employed in his agency, but present law has a general exception to allow the continued employment of an immediate family member of an agency head if the public employee has been employed in the agency for a period of at least one year prior to the public employee's immediate family member becoming the agency head. Present law contains additional, more specific exceptions.

Proposed law retains present law and provides an additional exception to allow an immediate family member of a coach of an athletic program at a public higher education institution to be employed on the staff of that program and to receive normal promotional advancements.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:1119(I))