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## DIGEST

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HB 26 Engrossed

2020 First Extraordinary Session

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**Abstract:** Extends the authority of the public postsecondary education management boards to establish and increase student fees but limits this authority to the 2020-2021 academic year.

Present law authorizes the public postsecondary education management boards to establish fees and adjust fee amounts at institutions under their respective management and supervision. Limits application of such authority to the 2015-2016 through the 2019-2020 academic years and terminates the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto on June 30, 2020. Proposed law extends this authority to the 2020-2021 academic year and changes the date of the termination of the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021.

Proposed law retains applicability of all of the following present law to continuing authority:

- (1) Fee authority includes authority to impose per credit fees and differential fees for certain programs and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions.
- (2) Except for the LSU Health Sciences Centers (LSUHSC), the pharmacy program at the Univ. of La. at Monroe (ULM), and the Southern Univ. Law Center (SULC), the revenue per full time equivalent (FTE) student from all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student plus the revenue per FTE student from state and local appropriations shall not exceed the national average per FTE student revenue from state appropriations, local appropriations, tuition, and fees as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) by Carnegie classification, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent funding statistics as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current fiscal year (FY) using the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI).
- (3) The total of all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student enrolled in the LSUHSC, ULM pharmacy program, and SULC shall not exceed the tuition and fees charged, as reported by the NCES, of national peers selected by the institution, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on the most recent tuition and fee amounts per FTE student as reported by the NCES and adjusted to the current FY using the HEPI.
- (4) Requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of revenues realized pursuant to present law to provide need-based financial assistance to students eligible to receive a Pell Grant.
- (5) Prohibits revenues generated by fees imposed pursuant to present law from being used for any other purpose except for support of the university at which the fees were collected.

- (6) Provides that the fee authority granted by present law includes the authority to impose a fee for the administration of certain student surveys.
- (7) Present law requires each management board to report to the House and Senate education committees by Feb. 15th of each year of the authorization regarding implementation of fees authorized by present law, including an overview of the distribution of the monies in the need-based financial assistance fund as provided in present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3351.20(A)(1) and (F))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Reduce the duration of the extension of fee authority from three years to one year.
2. Add special effective date.