Present law provides that each public postsecondary education management board shall have the authority to determine the fees paid by students. Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law, a graduate student who serves as a teaching assistant or research assistant shall be exempt from payment of all mandatory fees imposed in accordance with present law except for tuition.

Proposed law exempts such graduate students from all of the following specific fees imposed in accordance with present law:

1. Technology fee (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.1)
3. Facilities use and maintenance fee at the Univ. of New Orleans (R.S. 17:3351.7)
4. Facilities use and maintenance fee at Southern Univ. at New Orleans (R.S. 17:3351.8)
5. Professional program fee at LSU (MBA program) (R.S. 17:3351.12)
6. Digital media program fee at LSU (R.S. 17:3351.18)
7. Building use fee (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.19)
8. Mandatory fees (all campuses) (R.S. 17:3351.20)

Proposed law further requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt a policy providing that such graduate students are exempt from the payment of all mandatory fees except for tuition.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a); adds R.S. 17:3351.1(D), 3351.3(E), 3351.7(E), 3351.8(E), 3351.9(D), 3351.10(D), 3351.12(D), 3351.18(D), 3351.19(E), 3351.20(G), and 3351.21)