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Proposed law prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from using information relative to an applicant's or an applicant's family member's race, sex, or national origin in making admissions decisions for the institution or a program of study.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education institution to clearly state the criteria used in the institution's admissions processes in admissions documents and on the institution's admissions website. Prohibits the use of subjective or vague criteria in the admissions process.

Proposed law prohibits public postsecondary education institutions from using information relative to an applicant's or an applicant's family member's race, sex, or national origin in awarding of scholarships, grants, or other financial aid, unless the aid program requires the preferential treatment.

Proposed law prohibits a scholarship, grant, or financial aid program funded with any state or institutional monies from including terms that provide preferential treatment based on race, sex, or national origin.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary institution to provide a report to the Senate and House education committees on the aid programs that require the consideration of a student's race, sex, or national origin and to identify the funding mechanism for each aid program.

Proposed law provides that a student may seek a writ of mandamus or injunctive relief, together with attorney fees and costs, to require compliance with proposed law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 17:3153)