

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 862

BY REPRESENTATIVES HUGHES, CARPENTER, FREIBERG, AND ST. BLANC

STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes, with limitations, public postsecondary education management boards to establish and increase student tuition and mandatory fees

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a), relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts
3 for public postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public
4 postsecondary management board to impose and adjust certain tuition and fee
5 amounts; to provide for limitations; to provide for reporting; to provide for an
6 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education
11 management boards

12 A. Subject only to the powers of the Board of Regents specifically
13 enumerated in Article VIII, Section 5 of the Constitution of Louisiana, and as
14 otherwise provided by law, each postsecondary system management board as a body
15 corporate shall have authority to exercise power necessary to supervise and manage
16 the day-to-day operations of institutions of postsecondary education under its
17 control, including but not limited to the following:

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19 (5)(a)(i) In accordance with any other applicable provision of this Paragraph,
20 determine the tuition and mandatory fees which shall be paid by students and adjust
21 the amount of tuition and fees as provided in this Subparagraph.

1 (ii) Each management board may establish differential tuition for any
2 graduate, professional, or specialized program. Each management board may
3 establish differential tuition for any undergraduate program, including but not limited
4 to programs granting certificates, degrees, diplomas, or other credentials of value,
5 that has been identified as a high-cost program by the Board of Regents.

6 (iii) Each management board may establish mandatory fee amounts for all
7 programs at each of the institutions under its supervision and control and consolidate
8 separate fees.

9 (iv) Each management board may increase differential tuition amounts and
10 mandatory fee amounts by no more than ten percent over any two-year period. Each
11 management board may lower tuition and fee amounts with no limitation. The
12 authority to establish tuition and fee amounts as provided in this Subparagraph
13 includes the authority to establish tuition and fee amounts proportional to the
14 amounts for part-time students and for students enrolled in summer and intersession
15 terms.

16 (v) Each management board shall establish a process for providing adequate
17 notice to students of tuition and fee amounts. Prior to imposing any increase in
18 tuition or fee amounts pursuant to this Subparagraph, each management board shall
19 establish criteria for waivers in cases of financial hardship. Information about such
20 waivers shall be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase
21 in a timely manner, so they are aware of the increase and the availability of waivers
22 prior to having to make any final decision concerning attendance.

23 (vi) Awards of scholarships or waivers of tuition or fees shall be included in
24 the information package of any student awarded such scholarship or waiver and the
25 compensation package of each graduate student serving as a teaching assistant,
26 research assistant, or curatorial assistant.

27 (vii) Each management board shall submit a written report to the Board of
28 Regents, the House Committee on Education, the Senate Committee on Education,
29 the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance not

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Change limitation on tuition and fee increases from 10% over the previous academic year to 10% in any two-year period.
2. Add House Committee on Appropriations and Senate Committee on Finance to list of proposed law report recipients.