

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 862****2024 Regular Session****Hughes**

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

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Reinstates present law providing that payments to cover or a waiver of any mandatory fee except for tuition be included in the compensation package of certain graduate students.
2. Change effective date.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Proposed law authorizes public postsecondary education management boards to establish and adjust tuition and mandatory fee amounts as follows:

- (1) Authorizes establishment and adjustment of differential tuition for all graduate, professional, and specialized programs and for any undergraduate program identified as a high-cost program by the Bd. of Regents. Authorizes establishment and adjustment of mandatory fees for all programs.
- (2) Limits increases of tuition and fees to 10% in any two-year period.
- (3) Authorizes proportional amounts for part-time, summer, and intercession students and requires establishment of criteria for hardship waivers.

Requires each management board to report to the House and Senate education committees, House appropriations committee, and Senate finance committee by Feb. 15th annually on proposed law implementation.

Present law provides that payments to cover or a waiver of any mandatory fee imposed in accordance with present law except for tuition shall be included in the compensation package of each graduate student serving as a teaching assistant, research assistant, or curatorial assistant. Requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt a policy for implementation. Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(a))