

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 862

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

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; and to provide for  
6 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.

22 (ii) Payments to cover or a waiver of any mandatory fee imposed in  
23 accordance with this Title except for tuition shall be included in the compensation

1 package of each graduate student serving as a teaching assistant, research assistant,  
2 or curatorial assistant. Each public postsecondary education management board shall  
3 adopt a policy relative to implementing the provisions of this Item.

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

9 (iv) Each management board may establish mandatory fee amounts for all  
10 programs at each of the institutions under its supervision and control and consolidate  
11 separate fees.

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

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

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

