

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 110

BY REPRESENTATIVE WALTERS

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

HIGHER EDUCATION: Creates a uterine fibroids research center at Southern University

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3216, relative to the Southern University system; to establish
3 a fibroid research center under the supervision and management of the system's
4 board of supervisors; to provide for the purposes of the research center; to provide
5 relative to funding; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3216 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3216. Southern University system

9 A. The Southern University system is composed of the institutions under the
10 supervision and management of the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and
11 Agricultural and Mechanical College, referred to in this Section as the board of
12 supervisors or the board, as follows:

13 (1) Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton
14 Rouge.

15 (2) Southern University at Shreveport.

16 (3) Southern University at New Orleans.

17 ~~(6)~~ (4) The agricultural extension and research programs administered by
18 the board.

1 ~~(7)~~ (5) Any other college, university, school, institution or program now or
2 hereafter under the supervision and management of the ~~Board of Supervisors of~~
3 ~~Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College;~~ board of supervisors.

4 B.(1) A research center, the Southern University Uterine Fibroids Research
5 Center, is hereby established for the following purposes:

6 (a) Conduct research relative to the leading causes and methods of
7 prevention of the development of fibroids.

8 (b) Educate the community on information that is a result of research
9 conducted at the center.

10 (c) Provide relevant services not required to be administered by an
11 obstetrician-gynecologist.

12 (2) Subject to the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board of
13 Regents under Article VIII, Section 5(D) of the Constitution of Louisiana,
14 specifically the authority to approve, disapprove, or modify a proposed degree
15 program, department of instruction, division, or similar subdivision, the research
16 center shall be under the supervision and management of the board of supervisors.

17 (3) The center staff shall establish and maintain relationships with the
18 Louisiana Department of Health, universities outside of the Southern University
19 system, and national and international organizations.

20 (4) The research center may be funded by appropriations by the legislature,
21 federal funds, donations, grants, and any other public or private source of funding.

22 Section 2. The provisions of this Act shall be implemented beginning with the 2025
23 fall semester.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a fibroid research center within the Southern University system.

Present law provides for the Southern University system, composed of the postsecondary education institutions under the supervision and management of the system's board of supervisors.

Proposed law establishes, subject to the constitutional powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Bd. of Regents, a fibroid research center under the supervision and management of the board of supervisors for the following purposes:

- (1) Conducting research on the causes of and treatments for fibroids.
- (2) Educating the community on such research findings.
- (3) Providing services not required to be administered by obstetrician-gynecologists.

(Amends R.S. 17:3216)