

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 526

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBIDEAUX

STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the La. Community and Technial Colleges System Board of Supervisors to increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts at institutions under its supervision and management and permits the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts on a per credit hour basis

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc), to authorize the Board of Supervisors of
3 Community and Technical Colleges to increase tuition and mandatory fee amounts
4 at institutions under its supervision and management; to provide limitations; to
5 provide applicability; to provide for implementation, including provisions for the
6 uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts on a per credit hour basis;
7 to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of college and university boards

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

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- 18 (5)
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5 (cc)(I) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subitem (aa) of this Item
6 or any authority provided to the board by this Subparagraph and in accordance with
7 Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors
8 of Community and Technical Colleges is authorized to increase the tuition amount
9 and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students at community and at
10 technical-community colleges under its supervision and management provided the
11 total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts for an academic year do not
12 exceed the highest total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts in effect for
13 such students on July 1, 2011. Increases in tuition and mandatory fee amounts
14 pursuant to this Subsubitem shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the
15 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter. Additionally, the board may
16 provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fees amounts for
17 students at community and at technical-community colleges under its supervision
18 and management on a per credit hour basis.

19 (II) Notwithstanding the limitation provided by Subitem (aa) of this Item or
20 any authority provided to the board by this Subparagraph and in accordance with
21 Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors
22 of Community and Technical Colleges is authorized to increase the tuition amount
23 and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students at the Louisiana
24 Technical College provided the total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts
25 do not exceed two thousand dollars for an academic year or comparable period of
26 time. Any increase in amounts shall be implemented in such a manner that one-third
27 of the increase shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012
28 academic year and continuing thereafter, an additional one-third shall effective
29 beginning with the fall semester of the 2012-2013 academic year and continuing

Proposed law authorizes the board (notwithstanding certain present law authority and limitations and in accordance with specified provisions in the state constitution) to increase the tuition amount and the mandatory fee amount applicable to resident students provided the total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts do not exceed \$2,000 for an academic year or comparable period of time. Specifies that any increase in amounts shall be implemented over each of the next three academic years with 1/3 of the increase being effective beginning with the fall semester each year and continuing thereafter. Additionally permits the board to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students on a per credit hour basis.

Present law (R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(v)) requires the board, prior to imposing an increase in tuition or mandatory fee amounts, to establish criteria for waivers of such increase or increases in cases of financial hardship. Provides that information about such waivers and the criteria and procedures for obtaining one shall be made available to all prospective students affected by the increase or increases in a timely manner such that the prospective student can be aware of the increase or increases and the availability of waivers thereto prior to the student having to make any final decision concerning attendance at the institution.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(b)(iii)(cc))