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## DIGEST

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HB No. 526

**Abstract:** Authorizes, with certain limitations, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges to increase resident tuition and mandatory fee amounts at institutions under its supervision and management. The board's authority relative to increases for students at community colleges and at technical-community colleges differs from the board's authority relative to increases for students at the La. Technical College. The increase in amounts at community colleges and at technical-community colleges are effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year; the increase in amounts at the La. Technical College is to be implemented in equal amounts over the next three academic years. Provides for waivers of an increase or increases in cases of financial hardship. Permits the board to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for students on a per credit hour basis.

Relative to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and community colleges and technical-community colleges under the board's supervision and management:

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 for an academic year do not exceed the highest total combined tuition and mandatory fee amounts in effect for such students on July 1, 2011. Provides that amounts authorized in proposed law shall be effective beginning with the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year and continuing thereafter. Additionally permits to the board to provide for the uniform imposition of tuition and mandatory fee amounts for student on a per credit hour basis.

Relative to the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges and the Louisiana Technical College:

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))