

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 628

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ELLINGTON, AND KATZ

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3351.11(D), relative to tuition and fees at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Centers; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to increase tuition and fee amounts for specified schools of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Centers; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.11(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§3351.11. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; tuition and attendance fee amounts; Health Sciences Centers; waivers

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D.(1) In addition to the authority granted by Subsection A of this Section, other provisions of law as cited in the introductory paragraph of Subsection A of this Section, and any other provision of law including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139(F), the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, may increase tuition and fee amounts, without additional legislative approval, for students enrolled or enrolling in the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine or School of Dentistry or the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport School of Medicine by up to five percent each year for five years beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year.

1 (2) The authority granted by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be in
 2 addition to and independent of all other authority to increase tuition and fees at the
 3 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine
 4 or School of Dentistry or the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-
 5 Shreveport School of Medicine.

6 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this Subsection or of any other law to
 7 the contrary, tuition and fee amounts at the Louisiana State University Health
 8 Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine or School of Dentistry or the
 9 Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport School of Medicine
 10 shall not exceed average tuition and fee amounts of their respective peer institutions.
 11 For purposes of this Subsection, "peer institutions" shall have the meaning provided
 12 by guidelines established by the Board of Regents in the same manner as provided
 13 by R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(e)(i) and weighted based upon median household income as
 14 provided in R.S. 17:3139(F)(3)(a).

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 19 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____