

Regular Session, 2011

# ACT No. 297

HOUSE BILL NO. 628

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ELLINGTON, AND KATZ

1 AN ACT

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

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §3351.11. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
10 Mechanical College; tuition and attendance fee amounts; Health Sciences  
11 Centers; waivers

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13 D.(1) In addition to the authority granted by Subsection A of this Section,  
14 other provisions of law as cited in the introductory paragraph of Subsection A of this  
15 Section, and any other provision of law including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139(F),  
16 the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
17 Mechanical College, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1(A)  
18 of the Constitution of Louisiana, may increase tuition and fee amounts, without  
19 additional legislative approval, for students enrolled or enrolling in the Louisiana  
20 State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine or School  
21 of Dentistry or the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport  
22 School of Medicine by up to five percent each year for five years beginning with the  
23 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.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_