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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

Senate Bill No. 31 by Senator Claitor

Keyword and summary of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Enacts the Board Scholarship Reporting Act relative to scholarships awarded by members of public postsecondary education management boards. (gov sig)

Report adopts House amendments to:

1. Specify application to public postsecondary education management boards.
2. Technical.

Report rejects House amendments which would have:

1. Changed annual date of report submission from July first to June first.
2. Provided relative to directory information as defined by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Provide that annual date of report submission is August first.
2. Specify that information to be included in the report shall be considered directory information as defined by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, without further limitation by the public postsecondary institution. No other personally identifiable information in the student educational records of a scholarship recipient shall be included in the report, unless authorized by such federal Act.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Proposed law enacts the Board Scholarship Reporting Act.

Proposed law provides that the chief executive officer of each public postsecondary education management board shall annually report to the legislature every scholarship awarded by a member of the management board for the preceding academic year. Provides that such report shall be submitted electronically to the President of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives no later than August 1st of each year. The report shall be a public record. The management board shall contemporaneously make the report available on its website for public inspection.

Proposed law provides that the report shall provide the name of each scholarship recipient, the name of the board member making the award, whether such scholarship consists of a waiver of tuition or a cash award, or both, and the annual dollar value of the scholarship. If the scholarship includes a cash award, the source of such funds shall be identified.

Proposed law provides that above information to be included in the report shall be considered directory information as defined by the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, without further limitation by the public postsecondary institution. No other personally identifiable information in the student educational records of a scholarship recipient shall be included in the report, unless authorized by such federal Act.

Proposed law provides that the failure to submit the report required by proposed law shall suspend the power of all members of the management board to further award any such scholarships until the report has been submitted as required.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:1608)