

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 108

BY SENATOR APPEL

POSTSECONDARY ED. Provides relative to the commissioner of higher education.  
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3123.1(B) and (C), relative to the commissioner of higher  
3 education; to delete the requirement that the commissioner of higher education be  
4 confirmed by the Senate; to delete the requirement that the salary of the  
5 commissioner of higher education be approved by the Joint Legislative Committee  
6 on the Budget; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3123.1(B) and (C) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
9 follows:

10 §3123.1. Commissioner of higher education; appointment; qualifications; powers,  
11 duties and functions; compensation

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13 B. The commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a two-thirds  
14 vote of the total membership of the Board of Regents and shall be subject to  
15 confirmation by the Senate.

16 C. The salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined  
17 by the Board of Regents, ~~subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee~~

1           ~~on the Budget.~~

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

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The original instrument was prepared by Jeanne Johnston. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Ashley Menou.

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#### DIGEST

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Present law provides that the Board of Regents shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to administer and implement board programs and policies. Further provides that the commissioner shall possess such qualifications and have such other powers, functions, duties, and responsibilities as established by the board or as provided by law.

Proposed law retains these provisions.

Present law provides that the commissioner of higher education shall be appointed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of the board and shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate.

Present law provides that the salary of the commissioner of higher education shall be determined by the board, subject to the approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law deletes the requirement that JLCB approve the salary of the commissioner of higher education.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3123.1(B) and (C))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

##### Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Retains present law requirement that commissioner of higher education be confirmed by the Senate.