

Prior law (La. Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act - "GRAD Act") authorized public postsecondary education institutions to enter into performance agreements with the Board of Regents in order to be granted certain tuition authority and limited operational autonomy and flexibility in exchange for committing to meet established targets for performance objectives as applicable to the institution.

Prior law provided for autonomies for base, intermediate, and high levels. Prior law included as a high-level autonomy the authority to participate in a pilot procurement code as established by the initial qualifying institution to be in place for an initial period of three years and approved by the division of administration (DOA). The initial qualifying institution shall establish any pilot procurement code pursuant to rules and regulations adopted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. An institution granted this autonomy may use this pilot procurement code in lieu of the Louisiana Procurement Code, subject to the prior review and approval of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

New law retains prior law but provides that the initial qualifying institution in each postsecondary educational system may participate in a pilot procurement code. Further provides that any extension beyond the initial period of three years shall be submitted to the JLCB for review and approval for a period not to exceed three years. Any changes to the pilot procurement plan after the approval for any three-year period shall be submitted to the JLCB for approval. Additionally provides that with the approval of the DOA and the JLCB, the pilot procurement code may provide that other institutions under the same managing board as the initial qualifying institution may utilize the pilot procurement code, provided the procurement is conducted under the auspices of a shared services model managed by the qualifying institution.

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