

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

STUDENT/TUITION: Provides relative to mandatory fees charged to students at public postsecondary education institutions

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351.20, relative to fees charged to students at public postsecondary
3 education institutions; to authorize the postsecondary education management boards
4 to establish such fees and modify fee amounts; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.20 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §3351.20. Mandatory fees

8 A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law,
9 including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, 3351.7, and 3351.8, and in accordance
10 with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of
11 Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College,
12 the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical
13 College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the
14 Board of Supervisors of Louisiana Community and Technical Colleges may establish
15 at each institution under their respective management and supervision mandatory
16 fees to be charged to students enrolled at such institutions and to modify the amount
17 of such fees as they deem necessary.

18 B.(1) The authority granted by Subsection A of this Section includes the
19 authority to impose per credit fees, to impose differential fees for certain programs

1 exclusive of others, and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and
2 for summer sessions.

3 (2) The authority granted by Subsection A of this Section is not subject to
4 any limitation on the authority to establish fees and set fee amounts provided for in
5 R.S. 17:3139 et seq.

6 C. Each management board shall establish a need-based financial assistance
7 fund at each of its member institutions. Each institution shall allocate to its fund
8 funds from its operating budget in an amount not less than five percent of additional
9 revenues realized by the institution from fees assessed pursuant to this Section. Such
10 funds shall be utilized to provide need-based financial assistance to students at that
11 institution who are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the higher education (including community and technical colleges) management boards to establish and modify, as they deem necessary, fees charged to students.

Proposed law authorizes the management boards of public higher education to establish fees and modify fee amounts at institutions under their respective management and supervision. Provides that such authority specifically includes authority to impose per credit fees and differential fees for certain programs and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and summer sessions.

Present law, the GRAD Act, authorizes specific tuition and fee increases at public postsecondary education institutions contingent on those institutions meeting performance goals established by agreement with the Board of Regents. Proposed law provides that the authority to establish and modify fees as authorized by proposed law is not subject to such contingencies.

Proposed law requires each institution to allocate not less than 5% of additional revenues realized pursuant to proposed law to provide need-based financial assistance to students who are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.20)