

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 333

BY REPRESENTATIVES WESLEY BISHOP, BADON, BOUIE, GAINES, AND JACKSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES: Provides exceptions in the GRAD Act relative to remedial education course offerings by certain public universities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a), relative to performance agreements  
3 between the Board of Regents and certain public universities; to provide relative to  
4 the terms of such agreements with respect to remedial courses and developmental  
5 study programs offered at certain universities; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
8 as follows:

9 §3139.2. Performance agreements; objectives

10 Effective beginning with the 2011 Fiscal Year, any public postsecondary  
11 education institution, including professional schools, may enter into an initial  
12 performance agreement with the Board of Regents in order to be granted limited  
13 operational autonomy and flexibility as provided in R.S. 17:3139.5 in exchange for  
14 committing to meet established targets for the following performance objectives as  
15 applicable to the institution as determined by the Board of Regents:

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17 (2) Articulation and transfer.

18 (a) Phase in increased admission standards and other necessary policies by  
19 the end of the 2012 Fiscal Year in order to increase student retention and graduation

1 rates. This Subparagraph does not require and the Board of Regents shall not require  
2 as an element of a performance agreement an institution that it has identified as a  
3 regional university to establish admission standards that would prevent admission  
4 of students who require a single remedial course.

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6 (4) Institutional efficiency and accountability.

7 (a) Eliminate, except as otherwise provided by this Subparagraph, remedial  
8 education course offerings and developmental study programs unless such courses  
9 or programs cannot be offered at a community college in the same geographic area.  
10 An institution that is identified as a regional university by the Board of Regents shall  
11 be deemed to have met this target if no student takes more than one remedial course  
12 at the institution.

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14 Section 2. R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
15 as follows:

16 §3139.2. Performance agreements; objectives

17 Effective beginning with the 2011 Fiscal Year, any public postsecondary  
18 education institution, including professional schools, may enter into an initial  
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20 operational autonomy and flexibility as provided in R.S. 17:3139.5 in exchange for  
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22 applicable to the institution as determined by the Board of Regents:

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9 ~~be deemed to have met this target if no student takes more than one remedial course~~  
10 ~~at the institution.~~

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12 Section 3. The provisions of Section 1 of this Act are applicable to agreements  
13 entered into after the effective date of Section 1 of this Act. The provisions of Section 2 of  
14 this Act are applicable to agreements entered into after the effective date of Section 2 of this  
15 Act.

16 Section 4.(A) Sections 1 and 3 and this Section of this Act shall become effective  
17 on August 1, 2015.

18 (B) Section 2 of this Act shall become effective on August 1, 2020.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides for a limited exception from the GRAD Act provisions requiring elimination of remedial courses; the exception is applicable to Grambling, LSU at Alexandria, LSU at Shreveport, McNeese, Nicholls, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southern, Southern at New Orleans, University of La. at Monroe.

Present law (the GRAD Act) authorizes specific tuition and fee increases and operational autonomies at public postsecondary education institutions contingent on those institutions meeting performance goals established by agreement with the Bd. of Regents. Requires that such performance goals include elimination of remedial courses and developmental programs and requires that admission standards be increased in order to increase retention and graduation rates. Proposed law provides that universities identified by the Bd. of Regents as regional universities shall be deemed to have met this target if no student takes more than one remedial course at the institution. Provides that those institutions shall not

be required to raise admission standards such that students requiring a single remedial course would be excluded from admission. (The Bd. of Regents recognizes the following as regional universities: Grambling, LSU at Alexandria, LSU at Shreveport, McNeese, Nicholls, Northwestern, Southeastern, Southern, Southern at New Orleans, University of La. at Monroe).

Proposed law is applicable to performance agreements entered into from Aug. 1, 2015 until Aug. 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a))