
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))