

ACT No. 377

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 152

BY REPRESENTATIVE BROADWATER

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 adjust fee amounts; to provide limitations; to provide for
5 applicability; to provide for reporting; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §3351.20. Mandatory fees

9 A.(1) In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law,
10 including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, 3351.7, and 3351.8, and in accordance
11 with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Legislature of
12 Louisiana hereby authorizes the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University
13 and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern
14 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for
15 the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana
16 Community and Technical Colleges to establish at each institution under their
17 respective management and supervision mandatory fees to be charged to students
18 enrolled at such institutions and to adjust the amounts of such fees as they deem
19 necessary. Such authority shall apply for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic
20 years only, and the authority to increase fees pursuant thereto shall terminate on June
21 30, 2017.

22 (2) The revenue per full-time equivalent student from all tuition and fee
23 amounts charged to a student plus the revenue per full-time equivalent student from
24 state and local appropriations shall not exceed the national average of total per full-

1 time equivalent student revenue from state appropriations, local appropriations,
 2 tuition, and fees as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics by
 3 Carnegie classification, which maximum amount may be annually adjusted based on
 4 the most recent full-time equivalent funding statistics as reported by the National
 5 Center for Education Statistics and adjusted to the current fiscal year using the
 6 Higher Education Price Index. This Paragraph shall not apply to the Louisiana State
 7 University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans, the Louisiana State University
 8 Health Sciences Center - Shreveport, the pharmacy program at the University of
 9 Louisiana at Monroe, or the Southern University Law Center.

10 (3) The total of all tuition and fee amounts charged to a student enrolled in
 11 the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - New Orleans, the Louisiana
 12 State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport, the pharmacy program at the
 13 University of Louisiana at Monroe, or the Southern University Law Center shall not
 14 exceed the tuition and fees charged, as reported by the National Center for Education
 15 Statistics, of national peers selected by the institution, which maximum amount may
 16 be annually adjusted based on the most recent tuition and fee amounts per full-time
 17 equivalent student as reported by the National Center for Education Statistics and
 18 adjusted to the current fiscal year using the Higher Education Price Index.

19 B.(1) The authority granted by Subsection A of this Section includes the
 20 authority to impose per-credit fees, to impose differential fees for certain programs
 21 exclusive of others, and to charge proportional amounts for part-time students and
 22 for summer sessions.

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

26 C. Each management board shall establish a need-based financial assistance
 27 fund at each of its member institutions. Each institution shall allocate to its fund
 28 funds from its operating budget in an amount not less than five percent of revenues
 29 realized by the institution from fees assessed pursuant to this Section. Such funds

1 shall be utilized to provide need-based financial assistance to students at that
2 institution who are eligible to receive a Pell Grant.

3 D. No revenues generated by fees imposed pursuant to this Section shall be
4 used for any other purpose except for support of the university at which the fees were
5 collected.

6 E. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section includes the
7 authority to impose a fee for the administration of any student surveys required or
8 authorized by law.

9 F. Each postsecondary education management board shall submit a written
10 report to the Senate Committee on Education and the House Committee on
11 Education not later than February 15, 2016, and February 15, 2017, regarding how
12 the fees authorized by this Section were implemented at each institution under its
13 supervision and management, including an overview of the distribution of the monies
14 in the need-based financial assistance fund as provided in Subsection C of this
15 Section.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____