

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 100 (HB 171)**

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**Jefferson**

Existing law 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.

Existing law requires that such performance goals include elimination of remedial courses and developmental programs unless such course or program cannot be offered at a community college in the same geographic area. Requires that admission standards be increased in order to increase retention and graduation rates.

New law exempts Grambling, Southern, and Southern at New Orleans from the requirement that their performance agreements require elimination of remedial courses and developmental programs. 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 and that the institutions shall be deemed to have met this target if no student takes more than one such course. New law further provides that the Bd. of Regents postsecondary education funding formula shall fund the remedial courses at the rate established for such courses offered by community colleges.

New law is applicable to performance agreements entered into after its effective date but not to agreements entered into for the 2018-2019 academic year and thereafter.

New law requires the Bd. of Regents annually to report the effect of the new law exemptions.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 19, 2015).

(Amends R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a) and 3139.6(1))