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Abstract: Provides relative to facility utilization at public postsecondary education institutions.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board to adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to develop plans for full utilization of existing facilities, including plans for distance learning.

Proposed law requires each such board to adopt a policy requiring each institution under its supervision and management to annually report information on utilization of classroom and laboratory facilities. The report shall be submitted to the board and posted on the institution's website and shall include:

- (1) Total number of classrooms and laboratories available for instructional use and the number of those undergoing renovation.
- (2) Total available square footage of instructional space and the amount of instructional space under renovation or being used for storage.
- (3) Average weekly hours of instructional usage of all campus classrooms and laboratories available for instruction.
- (4) Average percentage of seats or stations filled in all sections taught in campus classrooms and laboratories that are available for instruction.
- (5) The number of courses the institution currently offers online and plans for future development of online courses.

Proposed law requires each such board, prior to approving any use of capital outlay funds exceeding \$10 million for new facilities, to hold a public hearing on the proposed facility. The hearing shall include discussions of: utilization of existing campus buildings for the preceding three year period; maintenance costs for the proposed building over its expected lifetime; funding sources for the proposed building.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351(J))