

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 881

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HIGHER EDUCATION: Requires each public postsecondary education management board annually to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and publish on its website specified information relative to research projects and grants

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351(J), relative to the public postsecondary education management  
3 boards; to require each public postsecondary education management board annually  
4 to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to publish on its  
5 website specified information relative to research projects and grants; to provide an  
6 annual deadline for such reporting and publication; and to provide for related  
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §3351. General powers, duties, and functions of postsecondary education  
11 management boards

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13 J.(1) In addition to any other powers and duties authorized by this Section,  
14 each public postsecondary education management board, not later than February first  
15 of each year, shall submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and  
16 publish on its website information relative to each research project and grant  
17 conducted at an institution or by any other entity under its jurisdiction. Such  
18 information shall include the following:

1           (a) A brief and general description of the project or grant, including its  
2           objective and when it or its predecessor was started.

3           (b) The amount of state funds spent on the project or grant, including state  
4           general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues.

5           (c) A brief and general description of the progress that has been made toward  
6           meeting the objective of the project or grant.

7           (2) In addition to the information required by Paragraph (1) of this  
8           Subsection, each institution shall provide a total amount spent on research during the  
9           prior fiscal year as follows:

10           (a) The amount of funding from state sources, including state general fund,  
11           statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues.

12           (b) The amount of federal matching funds generated as a result of such  
13           expenditures.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 881 Reengrossed

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**Abstract:** Requires each public postsecondary education management board annually to report to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and publish on its website specified information relative to all research projects and grants conducted under its jurisdiction.

Proposed law requires each public postsecondary education management board, not later than Feb. first of each year, to submit to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and to publish on its website information relative to each research project or grant conducted at an institution or by any other entity under its jurisdiction. Requires that such information include the following:

- (1) A brief and general description of the research project or grant, including its objective and when it or its predecessor was started.
- (2) The amount of state funds spent on the project or grant, including state general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues.
- (3) A brief and general description of the progress that has been made toward the meeting the objective of the project or grant.

Proposed law further requires each institution to provide a total amount spent on research during the prior fiscal year as follows:

- (1) The amount of funding from state sources, including state general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues.
- (2) The amount of federal matching funds generated as a result of such expenditures.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Require the submission and posting of specified information relative to research grants instead of research initiatives.
2. Require that the descriptions submitted and posted with regard to the objectives and progress of the projects and grants be brief and general.
3. Require that instead of submitting and posting information on cost and specific sources of funding, the institutions shall submit information on the amount of state funds spent.
4. Require each institution to provide a total amount of state funds spent on research during the prior fiscal year.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Require that information required by proposed law contain the amount of state funds spent on a project, including general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues rather than the amount of state general fund monies or dedicated state funds spent on a project.
2. Require that institutions, instead of providing a total amount of state dollars spent on research during the prior fiscal year regardless of the means of finance, provide a total amount spent on such research as follows:
  - (a) The amount of funding from state sources, including state general fund, statutorily dedicated funds, and fees and self-generated revenues.
  - (b) The amount of federal matching funds generated as a result of such expenditures.