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## DIGEST

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HB 586 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes public postsecondary education management boards to impose a one-time tuition and fee increase if an institution meets graduation and freshman retention rate criteria.

Proposed law authorizes each public postsecondary education management board to impose at an institution under its respective management and supervision a one-time increase in tuition and mandatory attendance fees if an institution meets both of the following criteria:

- (1) Its approved annual tuition and mandatory fee amount is less than the average amount of annual tuition and mandatory fees for Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) peer institutions; provides that the average amount shall be based on the most recent SREB publication of tuition and mandatory fees for all institutions in the institution's institutional category.
- (2) Its graduation and freshman retention rates are at least equal to the average graduation and freshman retention rates for the same peer institutions.

Proposed law:

- (1) Limits the increase to an amount which raises the institution's tuition and mandatory fees to, but does not exceed, the average amount of annual tuition and mandatory fees for SREB peer institutions.
- (2) Authorizes the increase to remain in effect but prohibits subsequent increases.
- (3) Authorizes boards to impose proportional amounts for part-time students, intersessions, and summer sessions and requires boards to establish criteria for hardship waivers and to report information relative to such waivers to the Bd. of Regents and make it available to prospective students.
- (4) Defines "SREB peer institutions" as those institutions as provided by the SREB for each institution's institutional category.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.21)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove prohibition on imposition of tuition and fee increase prior to Fall 2019.
2. Specify that the retention rate that determines an institution's eligibility for a tuition and fee increase is its freshman retention rate.