
DIGEST

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HB No. 344

Abstract: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose certain tuition and fee amounts at LSU-Baton Rouge and the LSU School of Dentistry.

Proposed law authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose the following:

LSU-Baton Rouge:

- (1) Tuition and attendance fees for students in an academic degree program offered entirely through distance education, as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), when such program is comparable to a program offered through traditional in-person classroom instruction. (Fall 2013 semester and thereafter.)
- (2) A digital media program fee for students in graduate and professional degree programs in digital media in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 per semester. (Fall 2013 semester and thereafter.)
- (3) A technology and infrastructure enhancement fee, as follows:
 - (a) 2013-2014: \$2 per credit hour, up to 15 credit hours.
 - (b) 2014-2015: \$4 per credit hour, up to 15 credit hours.
 - (c) 2015-2016: \$6 per credit hour, up to 15 credit hours.
 - (d) 2016-2017: \$8 per credit hour, up to 15 credit hours.
 - (e) 2017-2018 and thereafter: \$10 per credit hour, up to 15 credit hours.

Proposed law, applicable to all proposed law relative to LSU-Baton Rouge, provides:

- (1) The board may impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.
- (2) The board shall establish criteria for hardship waivers and make information about them available to prospective students.

LSU Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Dentistry:

- (1) For 2013-2014 and thereafter, a dental supply fee of \$300 per academic year for students in the doctor of dental surgery program, the dental hygiene program, and the dental laboratory technology program.
- (2) For 2013-2014 and thereafter, a prosthetic device fee of \$275 per academic year for second-year students in the doctor of dental surgery program.
- (3) Retains present law requirement that the board establish criteria for hardship waivers and make information about them available to prospective students.

Proposed law, applicable to all proposed law for both LSU-Baton Rouge and the LSU School of Dentistry:

- (1) Provides that authority granted by all proposed law is in addition to any authority granted by present law, including the GRAD Act.
- (2) Provides that it is in accordance with present constitution, which provides that any new fee imposed or assessed by a state board or agency must be enacted by law by a 2/3 vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17-3351.19)