

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 171

BY REPRESENTATIVES JEFFERSON, WESLEY BISHOP, HALL, AND PRICE AND  
SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a) and 3139.6(1), relative to  
3 performance agreements between the Board of Regents and certain public  
4 postsecondary education institutions; to provide relative to the terms of such  
5 agreements with respect to remedial courses and developmental study programs  
6 offered at certain historically black colleges and universities; to provide relative to  
7 required reporting by the Board of Regents; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and (4)(a) and 3139.6(1) are hereby amended and  
10 reenacted to read as follows:

11 §3139.2. Performance agreements; objectives

12 Effective beginning with the 2011 Fiscal Year, any public postsecondary  
13 education institution, including professional schools, may enter into an initial  
14 performance agreement with the Board of Regents in order to be granted limited  
15 operational autonomy and flexibility as provided in R.S. 17:3139.5 in exchange for  
16 committing to meet established targets for the following performance objectives as  
17 applicable to the institution as determined by the Board of Regents:

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19 (2) Articulation and transfer. (a) Phase in increased admission standards  
20 and other necessary policies by the end of the 2012 Fiscal Year in order to increase  
21 student retention and graduation rates. This Subparagraph does not require and the  
22 Board of Regents shall not require as an element of a performance agreement the  
23 adoption of admission standards at Grambling State University, Southern University  
24 and Agricultural and Mechanical College, or Southern University at New Orleans



1 degree, one recommended by the speaker of the House of Representatives and one  
2 recommended by the president of the Senate.

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4 Section 2. The provisions of this Act are applicable to agreements entered into after  
5 the effective date of this Act. The exceptions added by this Act to R.S. 17:3139.2(2)(a) and  
6 (4)(a) shall not apply to agreements entered into for the 2018-2019 academic year and  
7 thereafter.

8 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
9 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
10 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
11 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
12 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_