

ACT No. 251

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

BY REPRESENTATIVE FALCONER

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:144(G), relative to powers and authority of the Louisiana State Board of
3 Architectural Examiners; to establish the Louisiana Architecture Education and
4 Research Fund; to restrict use of the fund; to regulate awards; to require annual
5 reports; to provide for severability; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for
6 related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:144(G) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §144. Powers, authority, and domicile of board

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11 G.(1) The board may allocate up to ten percent of all license renewal and
12 delinquent fees each fiscal year to a fund to be named the Louisiana Architecture
13 Education and Research Fund. The purpose of the fund is to better prepare students
14 for internships and future careers as architects by authorizing the board to make
15 awards to universities in this state accredited by and in good standing with the
16 National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

17 (2) The fund shall be used exclusively for one or more of the following in
18 order to improve architectural education and the licensure of student interns in this
19 state:

20 (a) Integration of practice and education in the professional NAAB degree
21 curriculum.

22 (b) Implementation of a path to licensure resulting in an architectural license
23 at the time of graduation from a NAAB-accredited professional degree program.

1 (c) Facilitation of enrollment and completion of training requirements for the
2 Intern Development Program (IDP) as administered by the National Council of
3 Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

4 (d) Assistance of students and interns in preparation for the taking of the
5 Architectural Registration Exam (ARE).

6 (e) Methods for raising awareness of the responsibilities of architects and of
7 the ways that public health, safety, and welfare are impacted by architects.

8 (3) An accredited university architectural program shall submit an annual
9 proposal and budget, including any information deemed necessary by the board, to
10 be considered for any award from the board.

11 (4) The board shall submit an annual report to the appropriate legislative
12 oversight committee regarding its allocation of monies from the fund for the
13 preceding fiscal year.

14 Section 2. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof is held invalid, such
15 invalidity shall not affect other provisions, or applications of this Act which can be given
16 effect without the invalid provisions, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this
17 Act are hereby declared severable.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____