

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 628

BY REPRESENTATIVES LEGER, ELLINGTON, AND KATZ

STUDENT/TUITION: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to increase tuition and fee amounts for the LSU Health Sciences Center- N.O. Schools of Medicine and Dentistry and the LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport School of Medicine

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351.11(D), relative to tuition and fees at the Louisiana State University  
3 Health Sciences Centers; to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State  
4 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to increase tuition and fee  
5 amounts for specified schools of the Louisiana State University Health Sciences  
6 Centers; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.11(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3351.11. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
10 Mechanical College; tuition and attendance fee amounts; Health Sciences  
11 Centers; waivers

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13 D.(1) In addition to the authority granted by Subsection A of this Section,  
14 other provisions of law as cited in the introductory paragraph of Subsection A of this  
15 Section, and any other provision of law including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139(F),  
16 the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and  
17 Mechanical College, in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1(A)  
18 of the Constitution of Louisiana, may increase tuition and fee amounts, without  
19 additional legislative approval, for students enrolled or enrolling in the Louisiana

1        State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine or School  
2        of Dentistry or the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport  
3        School of Medicine by up to five percent each year for five years beginning with the  
4        2011-2012 academic year.

5                (2) The authority granted by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be in  
6        addition to and independent of all other authority to increase tuition and fees at the  
7        Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine  
8        or School of Dentistry or the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-  
9        Shreveport School of Medicine.

10               (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this Subsection or of any other law to  
11        the contrary, tuition and fee amounts at the Louisiana State University Health  
12        Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Medicine or School of Dentistry or the  
13        Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-Shreveport School of Medicine  
14        shall not exceed average tuition and fee amounts of their respective peer institutions.  
15        For purposes of this Subsection, "peer institutions" shall have the meaning provided  
16        by guidelines established by the Board of Regents in the same manner as provided  
17        by R.S. 17:3351(A)(5)(e)(i) and weighted based upon median household income as  
18        provided in R.S. 17:3139(F)(3)(a).

19        Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
23 effective on the day following such approval.

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#### DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to increase tuition and fees for the medical school and dental school of the LSU Health Sciences Center-N.O. and the medical school of the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport.

Present law (R.S. 17:3351.11) authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose specific tuition and attendance fee amounts for students attending the medical school and dental school of the LSU Health Sciences Center-N.O. and the medical school of the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport as follows:

<i>Student</i>	<i>Program/School</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Full-time student – La. resident	Dentistry Program – LSUHSC -NO	\$9,894 per year
Full-time student – La. resident	Medicine Program – LSUHSC -NO	\$11,613 per year
Full-time student – La. resident	Medicine Program – LSUHSC -S	\$10,052 per year

Present law (R.S. 17:3139(F), 3351, and 3351.5) authorize specified increases in tuition and attendance fees at specified institutions, including the medical schools and dental school. (R.S. 17:3351.1 and 3351.3 authorize assessment of certain fees.)

Proposed law authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to increase tuition and fee amounts established pursuant to present law above or any other provisions of law by up to 5% each year, without additional legislative approval, for five years beginning with the 2011-2012 academic year. Limits tuition and fee amounts to the average tuition and fee amounts of peer institutions. Provides that "peer institutions" shall have the meaning provided by Board of Regents guidelines established as provided by present law and adjusted based upon median household income in the SREB states as provided in present law.

Present law provides that the authority to impose the tuition and attendance and program fee amounts provided by present law includes the authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to proposed law.

Present law requires the board of supervisors, prior to imposing any increase in tuition or attendance fee amounts or any program fee amount authorized by present law, to establish criteria for waivers of such amounts in cases of financial hardship. Requires that information about such waivers be made available to all prospective students so the student can be aware of the increase or fee amount and the availability of waivers thereto prior to making any final decision concerning attendance.

Proposed law makes present law applicable to proposed law.

Present law provides that present law authority is in addition to the authority granted to the board of supervisors by R.S. 17:3351(A)(5), 3351.1, 3351.3, and 3351.5, and Act No. 493 of the 1999 R.S. and Act No. 138 of the 1st E.S. of 2002 and in accordance with the provisions of Art. VII, §2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Proposed law provides that it is in addition to and independent of the authority provided in present law and the provisions cited above in present law and also in addition to and independent of any other provision of law including R.S. 17:3139(F) (GRAD Act). Also provides that it is in accordance with the provisions of Art. VII, §2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.11(D))