

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 727

BY REPRESENTATIVE GEYMANN

HIGHER ED/BD REGENTS: Provides for powers, duties and functions of the Board of Regents

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(2), relative to distribution of funds for
3 postsecondary education; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
6 follows:

7 §3128. Power to formulate master plan; mission establishment

8 A. The Board of Regents shall have the power to formulate and make timely
9 revision of a master plan for postsecondary education. As a minimum, the plan shall
10 include a formula for equitable distribution of funds to the institutions of
11 postsecondary education. Equitable for purposes of the distribution formula means
12 equitable as the institutions are compared to their respective Southern Regional
13 Education Board peer averages unless an institution fails to meet the applicable
14 performance requirements established pursuant to R.S. 17:3139 et seq. The board
15 shall submit its plan and formula for funding to the governor and the legislature.

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17 B.

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19 (2) The Board of Regents shall make such recommendations for legislative
20 or gubernatorial action necessary to support the development of each system and

1 institution as provided in its mission statement. The formula for equitable
 2 distribution of funds shall be developed with strong consideration for institutional
 3 mission as an overriding factor in resource allocation, and no institution that is
 4 fulfilling its mission shall be penalized in such formula based on a comparative
 5 evaluation of missions. The management boards in conjunction with the Board of
 6 Regents shall develop not less than three performance allocation models based upon
 7 institutional type, mission, students served, and alignment with the performance
 8 requirements established pursuant to R.S. 17:3139 et seq. Specifically, by way of
 9 example but not limitation, given the open admissions policies of community and
 10 technical colleges, such institutions shall be funded for all credit enrollments without
 11 regard to the letter grade earned for the credit by a student. Annually, the board shall
 12 report to the legislature and the governor on the status of higher education relative
 13 to the mission statements, including in such report all revisions since the last report
 14 and any recommendations for legislative or gubernatorial action.

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16 Section 2. The management boards in conjunction with the Board of Regents shall
 17 develop the performance allocation models required by R.S. 17:3128(B)(2) as amended by
 18 this Act by not later than the beginning of the 2014 fiscal year.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires the Board of Regents to make recommendations necessary to support the development of postsecondary education public university systems and institutions. Provides relative to distribution of funds. Requires the board to report the status of higher education relative to the mission statements of each system and institution.

Proposed law retains present law and requires that the institutional mission shall be considered to derive equitable funding of the systems and institutions. Requires that no institution shall receive less funding as a result of meeting its institutional mission. Further requires that two-year colleges shall be funded for all credit enrollments.

(Amends R.S. 17:3128(A) and (B)(2))