

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE BILL NO. 677

BY REPRESENTATIVE PATRICIA SMITH

COLLEGES/LSU: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose an increase in the operational fee for students

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3351.13, to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State
3 University and Agricultural and Mechanical College to impose an increase in the
4 operational fee for full-time undergraduate and graduate students; to provide for the
5 amount of such increase; to provide for effectiveness; to provide for the fee increase
6 amount to be applied proportionally to part-time students and summer sessions; to
7 provide for limitations; to provide for waivers in cases of financial hardship; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.13 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §3351.13. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and
12 Mechanical College; operational fee increase; amount; limitations; waivers

13 A. In addition to the authority granted to the Board of Supervisors of
14 Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College by R.S.
15 17:3351(A)(5), 3351.1, 3351.3, 3351.5, 3351.11, and 3351.12, and Act No. 493 of
16 the 1999 Regular Session and Act No. 138 of the First Extraordinary Session of 2002
17 of the Legislature of Louisiana and in accordance with the provisions of Article VII,
18 Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the board may impose an increase
19 in the operational fee by an amount of one hundred twenty-five dollars per semester

1 for full-time undergraduate and graduate students effective for the 2008-2009 and
2 2009-2010 academic years.

3 B. The fee increase amount shall be applied proportionally to part-time
4 students and for summer sessions.

5 C. The fee shall not be a cost that is payable by the state on behalf of any
6 student who is a recipient of an award under the Tuition Opportunity Program for
7 Students.

8 D. The board shall establish criteria for waivers of such fee increase in cases
9 of financial hardship. Information about such waivers and the criteria and
10 procedures for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all affected prospective
11 students in a timely manner so the prospective student can be aware of the increase
12 and the availability of waivers prior to making any final decision concerning
13 attendance.

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

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose an increase in the operational fee by \$125 per semester for full-time undergraduate and graduate students effective for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years. Provides for certain limitations and for waivers in cases of financial hardship.

Proposed law authorizes the LSU Board of Supervisors to impose an increase in the operational fee by an amount of \$125 per semester for full-time undergraduate and graduate students effective for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years. Provides that the fee increase amount shall be applied proportionally to part-time students and for summer sessions. Further provides that the fee shall not be a cost that is payable by the state on behalf of any student who is a recipient of an award under the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students.

Requires the board to establish criteria for waivers of such fee increase in cases of financial hardship and to make available to all affected prospective students information about such waivers.

Provides that proposed law authority shall be in addition to other authority of the board relative to fees.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:3351.13)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Changes the amount of the authorized operational fee increase from \$250 per semester to \$125 per semester.
2. Specifies that the fee increase shall be effective for the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 academic years instead of for the Fall 2008 semester and thereafter.