

OPERATIONAL FEE

[House Bill 993 (2004) Re: LRS 17:3351(A) (5) (d)]

General Description:

Authorized by the 2004 State Legislature, the Operational Fee is not to exceed four percent of the total mandatory tuition and fee amount in effect for each institution on August 15, 2004. Proportional amounts will be assessed as applicable to part-time students and to students enrolled for summer and intersession terms. The fee shall be in addition to any other tuition or fees and charges established by the Board and the fee shall be paid by ALL students. However, criteria for waiving the fee in cases of financial hardship must be established. Information relative to such waivers and the criteria and procedures for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to the student making a final decision concerning attendance at the institution.

Legislation: To be enacted as state legislation as §3351.1(A)(5)(d)—a subparagraph of “Powers and Duties of Management Boards” by the 2004 State Legislature

(d)(i) In accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the constitution of Louisiana, each management board may provide for the assessment of an operational fee at each institution under its management and supervision in an amount not to exceed four percent of the total mandatory tuition and fee amount in effect for each institution on August 15, 2004.

(ii) The authority granted each management board by this Subparagraph to impose an operational fee shall include the authority to establish proportional amounts applicable to part-time students and to students enrolled for summer and intersession terms.

(iii) 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.

(iv) The fee shall be in addition to any other tuition or attendance fees and charges established by the board and the fee shall be paid by all students. However, the boards shall establish criteria for waiving the fee in cases of financial hardship as determined by each board. Information relative to such waivers and the criteria and procedures for obtaining a waiver shall be made available to all prospective students in a timely manner such that each student is informed of the availability of a waiver prior to the student making a final decision concerning attendance at any institution under the management and supervision of the board.

House Bill 993, 2004 Legislative Session.