AN ACT

To enact R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17 through 3351.19, relative to tuition and mandatory fee amounts for public postsecondary education institutions; to authorize each public postsecondary management board to impose certain tuition and fee amounts at certain institutions; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:3351.11(E) and 3351.17 through 3351.19 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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E. In addition to the authority granted by this Section and any other provision of law, including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 2.1(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College may impose the following fees for students enrolled in Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center-New Orleans School of Dentistry for the 2013-2014 academic year and thereafter:

(1) A dental supply fee of three hundred dollars per academic year for students in the doctor of dental surgery program, the dental hygiene program, and the dental laboratory technology program.
(2) A prosthetic device fee of two hundred seventy-five dollars per academic year for second-year students in the doctor of dental surgery program.

§3351.17. Distance education; tuition and attendance fees; waivers; public postsecondary education management boards

A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law, including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges may impose at each institution under its respective management and supervision for the Fall 2013 semester and thereafter tuition and attendance fees for students enrolled in an academic degree program offered entirely through distance education as defined by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools when such program is comparable to a program offered through traditional in-person classroom instruction.

B. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section shall include the authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.

C. Each board shall establish criteria for waiving the tuition and fees authorized in Subsection A of this Section in cases of financial hardship as determined by the 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.

§3351.18. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; digital media program fee; amount; waivers

A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law, including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, and in accordance with Article VII,
Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College may impose at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Baton Rouge for the Fall 2013 semester and thereafter a digital media program fee for students enrolled in graduate and professional degree programs in digital media in an amount not to exceed two thousand five hundred dollars per semester.

B. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section shall include the authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.

C. The board shall establish criteria for waiving the fee authorized in Subsection A of this Section in cases of financial hardship as determined by the 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.

§3351.19. Building use fee; amount; waivers; public postsecondary education management boards

A. In addition to the authority granted by any other provision of law, including but not limited to R.S. 17:3139.5, 3351.7, and 3351.8, and in accordance with Article VII, Section 2.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, and the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges may impose at each institution under its respective management and supervision, for the Fall 2013 semester and thereafter, a building use fee. The amount of the fee shall not exceed forty-eight dollars per semester or any higher fee amount otherwise specifically authorized by law.
B. The proceeds of the fee shall be used to construct, acquire, repair, maintain, operate, or improve the facilities and physical infrastructure of the institution collecting the fee.

C. The authority granted in Subsection A of this Section shall include the authority to impose proportional amounts for part-time students and for summer sessions.

D. Each board shall establish criteria for waiving the fee authorized in Subsection A of this Section in cases of financial hardship as determined by the 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.

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________