



# AUTONOMIES EXTENSIONS

*HB 689 - REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE*



## THE GOAL

This bill extends the current operational and fee autonomies for institutions set to sunset in June.

## COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

In the wake of the pandemic, the need to continue these autonomies (due to sunset in June) will be more important than ever as campus landscapes transform to provide online education and ensure social distancing. These new efforts require the ability to adjust fees, possibly lowering some as a result of continued online education or increasing in extreme cases, only if needed. Several schools are currently offering fee-free and discounted summer and fall classes. These autonomies make doing so possible.

## THE FACTS & FIGURES

- No fees were raised at any colleges or universities in FY20.
- LSU has captured \$48.5M in savings from operational autonomies since implementation in 2016.
- A minimum of 5% of fee collections generated by the autonomies goes toward need-based aid for Louisiana's most vulnerable students.