

June 14, 2017

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Taylor F. Barras
Speaker of the House
Louisiana House of Representatives
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RE: Veto of House Bill 133 of 2017 Regular Session

Dear Speaker Barras:

Please allow this letter to inform you that I have chosen to exercise my authority to veto House Bill 133 from the 2017 Regular Session. House Bill 133 effectively creates a duplicative and unnecessary burden on higher education as the same subject matter was addressed in Act No. 619 from the 2016 Regular Legislative Session, which resulted in a comprehensive report presented to House and Senate Education Committees earlier this year. Signing this bill would require two separate reports for eventually the same purpose. Further, House Bill 133 creates an obligation for each post-secondary management board to develop and submit “plans” and not just “reports” which obligation continues indefinitely with additional plan submissions every four years. At a time when higher education is significantly underfunded and resources are limited, this would be unnecessary.

Sincerely,

John Bel Edwards
Governor