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**Individual Income, Sales and Use, Gasoline, and Special Fuels Taxes
Student Assessment for a Valuable Education (SAVE) Credit Program**

Act 140 of the 2015 Regular Legislative Session enacted La. R.S. 47:6039 to grant a transferable Student Assessment for a Valuable Education (SAVE) credit for each student enrolled at a public institution of higher education.

Each student assessed will be granted a SAVE credit against individual income, sales and use, gasoline, and special fuels taxes equal to the amount of the SAVE assessment. The amount of the credit will not exceed the average household tax liability in Louisiana for the following: individual income, sales and use, gasoline, and special fuels, as determined and published by the Department of Revenue no later than June 30th of each fiscal year. The aggregate amount of SAVE credits granted in any fiscal year cannot exceed \$350 million.

The Save credit is a transferable, nonrefundable credit, which will be transferred to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents will certify to the Department of Revenue the total headcount enrollment at public institutions of higher learning for the previous fall. The Department of Revenue will then determine the total amount of the credit and will provide to the treasurer from current collections an amount of funds equal to such determination. Upon notification from the Department of Revenue, the treasurer will deposit or transfer such funds into the Higher Education Initiatives Fund.

The credit or assessment cannot exceed the amount appropriated by the legislature from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund for each fiscal year. The Board of Regents will distribute all funds appropriated from the Higher Education Initiatives Fund from the SAVE Credit Program pursuant to its formula for the equitable distribution of funds to public institutions of higher education.

No student or student's parent or legal guardian will be required to pay an assessment that is not offset by a SAVE credit.

The SAVE Credit Program will be null, void, and of no effect after July 1, 2020. The Save Credit Program is applicable to tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2015.

For questions concerning this matter, please contact the Policy Services Division at (225) 219-2780. For questions concerning a taxpayer's return, please contact the Office Audit Division at (225) 219-2270.

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