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**PAR says don't eliminate Regents**

The Public Affairs Research Council says the state should not merge the Board of Regents with three other college management boards as part of a move to streamline higher education governance. In a statement, PAR says eliminating the one state entity dedicated to an overarching view of higher education would increase the politicization of policy and concentrate power over colleges in the governor's office. Instead, the Board of Regents should be strengthened, giving it the authority to enforce a master plan agenda for Louisiana's higher education systems. Read the full report [here](#).