

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1399

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOWNS

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides relative to certain academic qualifications for a TOPS Opportunity Award

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3048.1(Y), relative to academic standards for a Taylor Opportunity  
3 Program for Students award; to provide relative to the minimum high school grade  
4 point average required for certain students to be eligible for an Opportunity Award;  
5 to provide applicability; to provide effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(Y) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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10 Y. Notwithstanding any provisions of this Chapter to the contrary and in  
11 addition to other applicable eligibility requirements provided by this Chapter,  
12 beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, in order to qualify for an  
13 Opportunity Award, a student who graduates from a public high school or a  
14 nonpublic high school which has been approved by the State Board of Elementary  
15 and Secondary School shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75  
16 calculated on a 4.00 scale by using only the grades obtained by the student in  
17 completing the core curriculum requirements established by this Section.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Relative to TOPS, provides (beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter) that a student who graduates from a public high school or BESE-approved nonpublic high school shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 calculated on a 4.00 scale using grades obtained in completing the core curriculum requirements.

Proposed law (notwithstanding any provisions of present law to the contrary and in addition to other applicable present law eligibility requirements) provides that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year and thereafter, in order to qualify for an Opportunity Award, a student who graduates from a public high school or a nonpublic high school which has been approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary School shall have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 calculated on a 4.00 scale by using only the grades obtained by the student in completing the core curriculum requirements established by present law.

(Adds R.S. 17:3048.1(Y))