



1 of Elementary and Secondary Education for approval of nonpublic schools in  
2 Louisiana; ~~or, for students certified to have,~~

3 (iii) The student graduated during the 2002-2003 school year or thereafter  
4 from an out-of-state high school that is accredited by a regional accrediting  
5 organization recognized by the United States Department of Education and meets the  
6 standards adopted by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for  
7 approval of nonpublic schools in Louisiana; ~~or .~~

8 (iv) The student graduated from a high school which has been approved by  
9 the United States Department of Defense.

10 (v) The student graduated during the 2009-2010 school year or thereafter  
11 with an International Baccalaureate Diploma from an out-of-state high school  
12 approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to issue such a diploma.

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14 V.(1) Notwithstanding any initial student eligibility requirement of this  
15 Chapter to the contrary, a student shall be eligible to receive a TOPS-Tech Award  
16 pursuant to this Section provided each of the following conditions are met:

17 (a) ~~The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have~~  
18 meets one of the following criteria:

19 (i) The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have  
20 graduated during the 2000-2001 school year or thereafter from a high school located  
21 outside of the United States and its territories which meets the standards adopted by  
22 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for approval of nonpublic  
23 schools in Louisiana and which is accredited by an accrediting organization  
24 recognized by the United States Department of Education. ~~or, in the alternative,~~

25 (ii) The student has been certified by a parent or court-ordered custodian to  
26 have successfully completed at the twelfth grade level a home study program  
27 approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education conducted  
28 outside the United States and its territories.

29 (iii) The student has been certified by the principal or headmaster to have  
30 graduated during the 2009-2010 school year or thereafter with an International

1            Baccalaureate Diploma from a high school located outside of the United States and  
 2            its territories and approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization to issue  
 3            such a diploma.

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5            Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not  
 6            signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature  
 7            by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
 8            vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
 9            effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_