

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 294

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Establishes for a specified period of time a maximum dollar amount for a TOPS award

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3048.1(Y), relative to the monetary amounts of awards granted pursuant
3 to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide maximum award
4 amounts; to provide effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

7 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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9 Y.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary,
10 beginning with the 2013-2014 award year and continuing through the 2017-2018
11 award year, the maximum tuition award amount provided by the state to an
12 otherwise qualified student who is the recipient of an award granted pursuant to this
13 Chapter and who enrolls in any public college or university in the state shall not
14 exceed an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition
15 charged by the public college or university attended or one thousand six hundred
16 dollars per semester, whichever is less.

17 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this Chapter to the contrary, beginning
18 with the 2013-2014 award year and continuing through the 2017-2018 award year,
19 for an otherwise qualified student who is the recipient of an award granted pursuant
20 to this Chapter and who enrolls in a regionally accredited independent college or

1 university in the state which is a member of the Louisiana Association of
2 Independent Colleges and Universities, the maximum tuition award amount shall not
3 exceed an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted
4 average amounts awarded under this Section for students attending public colleges
5 or universities in the state or one thousand six hundred dollars per semester,
6 whichever is less.

7 (3) The maximum tuition award amount specified in this Subsection is
8 exclusive of any additional amounts awarded to students who qualify to receive a
9 Performance or Honors award.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Establishes a maximum dollar amount of \$1,600, for a TOPS award for the 2013-2014 award year through the 2017-2018 award years.

Relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS):

Proposed law specifies that beginning with the 2013-2014 award year and continuing through the 2017-2018 award year, the tuition award amount provided to a TOPS award recipient who enrolls in any public college or university in the state shall not exceed an amount determined by the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission (LSFAC) to equal the tuition charged by the public college or university attended or \$1,600 per semester, whichever is less.

Proposed law also specifies that for the same period of time, the tuition award amount provided to a TOPS award recipient who enrolls in a regionally accredited independent college or university in the state which is a member of the La. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities shall not exceed an amount determined by LSFAC to equal the weighted average amounts awarded for students attending public colleges or universities in the state or \$1,600 per semester, whichever is less.

Provides that the maximum tuition award amount specified in proposed law is exclusive of any additional amounts awarded to students who qualify to receive a TOPS Performance or Honors award.

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