

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 510

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Increases the ACT score and grade point average required for a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students Opportunity Award

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b)(i), relative to the Taylor Opportunity
3 Program for Students; to provide relative to requirements for an Opportunity Award;
4 and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b)(i) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

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

9 A.(1) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, the
10 state shall financially assist any student who enrolls on a full-time basis in a public
11 college or university in this state or a regionally accredited independent college or
12 university in the state that is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent
13 Colleges and Universities, hereafter in this Chapter referred to collectively as
14 "eligible colleges and universities", to pursue an academic undergraduate degree or,
15 as provided by this Subsection, skill or occupational training as defined by the Board
16 of Regents, including a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma
17 program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and who meets the qualifications
18 of Subparagraph (b), (c), or (d) of this Paragraph and all of the applicable following
19 qualifications:

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Revises the TOPS program with respect to requisite GPA and ACT scores for an "Opportunity Award".

Present law provides relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS). Further provides with respect to certain qualifications for participation in the program.

Present law requires that students have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 and an American College Test (ACT) score equal to the state's average composite score, but never less than 20 to receive a TOPS "Opportunity Award". Proposed law, beginning in 2017, increases requisite grade point average to 2.75 and ACT score to 21 for such an award; otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:3048.1(A)(1)(b)(i))