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STUDENT/TUITION: Provides relative to the definition of institution of postsecondary education for purposes of the La. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3092(5), relative to the Louisiana Student Tuition Assistance 3 and Revenue Trust Program; to broaden the definition of institution of postsecondary 4 education for program purposes; to include certain out-of-state proprietary schools 5 in such definition; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3092(5) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 8 §3092. Definitions 9 For the purposes of this Chapter, the following words, terms, and phrases 10 shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise: 11 (5) "Institution of postsecondary education" means either a state college, 12 13 university, or technical college or institute or an independent college or university 14 located in this state that is approved by the United States Secretary of Education; or 15 a public or independent college or a university located outside this state that is 16 approved by the United States Secretary of Education; or a proprietary school 17 licensed pursuant to Chapter 24-A of this Title; or a proprietary school located 18 outside this state that is licensed by an out-of-state public postsecondary education

board, accredited by a recognized national or regional accrediting body, and eligible

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1 to participate in a program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as

2 amended.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Allows funds from La. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) program accounts to be used at out-of-state proprietary schools that meet specified criteria.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the La. Student Tuition Assistance and Revenue Trust (START) Program, an education savings program for certain expenses associated with enrolling in an institution of postsecondary education. Defines "institution of postsecondary education" as follows:

- (1) A state college, university, or technical college or institute or independent college or university located in La. that is approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- (2) A public or independent college or university located outside La. that is approved by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- (3) A proprietary school licensed by the Bd. of Regents pursuant to present law.

<u>Proposed law</u> broadens this definition to include a proprietary school located outside La. that is licensed by an out-of-state public postsecondary education board, accredited by a recognized national or regional accrediting body, and eligible to participate in a program under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

(Amends R.S. 17:3092(5))