

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 905

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARRISON

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides relative to the grade point average required to obtain certain TOPS awards

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 17:3048.1(Y), relative to minimum grade point averages necessary for certain
3 Taylor Opportunity Program awards; to provide minimum grade point average
4 necessary for eligibility for an Opportunity Award; to provide minimum grade point
5 average necessary for eligibility for an Honor Award; to provide minimum grade
6 point average necessary for eligibility for a Performance Award; to provide a start
7 date for such requirements; to provide qualifications for such awards; and to provide
8 for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

11 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

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13 Y. Notwithstanding any provision of this Section to the contrary, and
14 effective for students who graduate at the end of the 2014-2015 school year or
15 thereafter from a Louisiana public high school, a nonpublic high school which has
16 been approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and that
17 meets other provisions of this Section applicable to nonpublic schools or completes
18 a state-approved home study course at the end of the 2014-2015 school year or
19 thereafter, the minimum cumulative high school grade point average necessary for

1 such students to be eligible for an Opportunity Award, Performance Award, or
2 Honors Award shall be as follows:

3 (1) For an Opportunity Award, the student shall have attained a cumulative
4 high school grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale calculated by using only the
5 grades obtained by the student in completing the core curriculum requirements
6 established by this Section.

7 (2) For a Performance Award, the student shall have attained a cumulative
8 high school grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.00 scale calculated by using only the
9 grades obtained by the student in completing the core curriculum requirements
10 established by this Section.

11 (3) For an Honors Award, the student shall have attained a cumulative high
12 school grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.00 scale calculated by using only the
13 grades obtained by the student in completing the core curriculum requirements
14 established by this Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the minimum grade point average necessary to qualify for certain awards under the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.

Present law establishes the TOPS program and sets forth criteria for students to qualify for awards. Proposed law retains present law.

Under present law part of the criteria for qualifying for a TOPS Opportunity Award is a minimum GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale. Proposed law changes this minimum GPA from 2.50 to 3.00.

Under present law part of the criteria for qualifying for a TOPS Performance Award is a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Proposed law changes this minimum GPA from 3.00 to 3.25.

Under present law part of the criteria for qualifying for a TOPS Honor Award is a minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale. Proposed law changes this minimum GPA from 3.00 to 3.50.

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