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**HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS**

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Turner to Reengrossed House Bill No. 77 by Representative Turner

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 4, after "17:5002(I)" and before "and"insert ", 5002.1,"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 9, after "credits;" and before "to provide" insert "to allow certain students  
5 who qualify for a program award to apply unused award amounts to medical and dental  
6 school under certain circumstances; to require repayment of award amounts under certain  
7 circumstances; to require the Board of Regents to provide by rule for collection and  
8 exceptions;"

9 AMENDMENT NO. 3

10 On page 1, line 14, after "17:5002(I)" and before "and"insert ", 5002.1,"

11 AMENDMENT NO. 4

12 On page 4, between lines 18 and 19, insert the following:

13 " §5002.1. Medical school; dentistry school  
14 A. A student who is determined by the administering agency to be eligible  
15 for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award upon high school graduation in  
16 accordance with the requirements of this Chapter may apply unused award amounts  
17 if enrolled in certain postsecondary education institutions as provided in this Section.  
18 B. A student may apply unused award amounts pursuant to this Section if he  
19 meets all of the following criteria:  
20 (1) He has successfully completed an academic undergraduate degree at the  
21 baccalaureate level at a postsecondary education institution outside the state other  
22 than an institution provided for in R.S. 17:5027(C). This criterion applies both to  
23 students who used part of their award while enrolled at an eligible college or  
24 university before transferring to an out-of-state institution and students who never  
25 enrolled in an eligible college or university before enrolling in an out-of-state  
26 institution.  
27 (2) He enrolls in a doctor of medicine, doctor of osteopathic medicine, or  
28 doctor of dentistry degree program at a public postsecondary education institution  
29 in the state, a regionally accredited independent college or university that is a  
30 member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, or  
31 a campus of the Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine in the state during or  
32 after the 2024-2025 academic year.  
33 (3) He signs a promissory note agreeing to pay the administering agency a  
34 sum equal to the amount awarded pursuant to this Section, plus interest, upon  
35 graduation or otherwise exiting the program; however, a student shall be exempt  
36 from the payment requirement under the following circumstances:  
37 (a) The student shall not be required to make the payment for the duration  
38 of a residency program.

1           **(b) The student shall not be required to make the payment if he practices**  
2 **medicine or dentistry full-time in Louisiana for three consecutive years upon**  
3 **successful completion of the residency program.**

4           **(c) The student shall not be required to make the payment in accordance with**  
5 **rules promulgated by the administering agency pursuant to Paragraph (F)(2) of this**  
6 **Section.**

7           **C. The administering agency shall determine how many, if any, of the**  
8 **semesters or equivalent units of an award the student used during undergraduate**  
9 **enrollment and shall apply the unused semesters or equivalent units to the award**  
10 **provided pursuant to this Section, which shall not exceed eight semesters or**  
11 **equivalent units.**

12           **D. The amount of the award paid pursuant to this Section shall not exceed**  
13 **the amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged for**  
14 **the medical or dental program or the amount of undergraduate full-time enrollment**  
15 **charged by the highest cost public college or university in the state, whichever is**  
16 **less.**

17           **E. The student shall be subject to all academic and other requirements**  
18 **provided by this Chapter and by rule of the administering agency for continued**  
19 **receipt of the award applicable to undergraduate students except that such**  
20 **requirements may be modified by the administering agency as necessary to apply**  
21 **such requirements to postgraduate study.**

22           **F. The administering agency shall promulgate rules necessary to implement**  
23 **the provisions of this Section. Such rules shall include, at a minimum, the following:**

24           **(1) Provision for all available means of collecting amounts owed and interest**  
25 **on unpaid amounts.**

26           **(2) Provision for circumstances pursuant to which a student shall be exempt**  
27 **from the payment requirement provided in Paragraph (B)(3) of this Section,**  
28 **including those specified in that Paragraph and any others determined by the**  
29 **administering agency. Such rules shall provide for the definition, verification**  
30 **requirements, and maximum duration of such circumstances."**