

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 327****2025 Regular Session****Chassion**

TOPS: Requires schools to use a 10-point grading scale to assign grades used in the calculation of the minimum grade point average required for initial award eligibility

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Applies proposed law beginning with 2024-2025 school year.
2. Requires schools to resubmit recertified grades using the 10-point grading scale for 2024-2025 graduates by August 31, 2025.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a merit scholarship program. Provides for academic criteria students must meet in high school in order to qualify initially for a program award, including attainment of a minimum GPA on a specified core curriculum. Proposed law retains present law.

Present law generally requires public schools to use a uniform 10-point grading scale. Proposed law retains present law and requires schools (both public and approved nonpublic schools), beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, to use this grading scale for purposes of assigning grades used in the calculation of such minimum GPA regardless of whether the school uses a different grading scale for other purposes. Requires such schools that have submitted grades for students graduating in the 2024-2025 school year prior to the effective date of proposed law to resubmit recertified grades using this grading scale by Aug. 31, 2025.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 17:5024(A)(1))