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Abstract: Broadens definition of eligible student for purposes of the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program.

Present law provides for the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program. Provides that to be eligible, a student shall reside in La., shall be a member of a family with a total income that does not exceed 250% of the current federal poverty guidelines, and shall meet any one of the following criteria:

- (1) Is entering kindergarten and has enrolled in the local school system in which the public school he would have otherwise attended is located or in a school under the jurisdiction of the Recovery School District.
- (2) Was enrolled in a public school in Louisiana on October 1st and on February 1st of the most recent school year and such school received a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" for the most recent year.
- (3) Received a scholarship in the previous school year.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law expands eligibility to children who meet any of the following criteria:

- (1) Is the dependent child of a member of the military stationed in La.
- (2) Is in foster care pursuant to placement through the Dept. of Children and Family Services.
- (3) Is determined to be a victim of bullying pursuant to present law R.S. 17:416.13.

(Amends R.S. 17:4013(2))