



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 37** HLS 20RS 207

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> TOPS Payments		

TOPS EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides that the annual amount of a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award at Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College shall match the annual award amount at other technical community colleges  
 Proposed legislation requires that the TOPS award amounts for students attending Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College equal the award amount for technical community colleges.

Effective upon governor's signature.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will be an increase in expenditures for the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) to pay a higher TOPS award amount for students at Northwest Technical Community College than what is currently authorized and for rule promulgation through the Administrative Code. While TOPS is funded with both statutory dedicated funds and state general fund direct, the LFO assumes increases would be funded with general fund.

Current law establishes the TOPS award amounts to equal the institutional tuition rates charged in the 2016-2017 academic school year. TOPS award amounts for Northwest Technical College is \$2,081 and \$3,214 for community colleges. Act 287 of 2019 provided for the expansion of Northwest Technical College's mission and educational programming and renamed the school the Northwest Louisiana Technical Community College (NLTCC). As a result, the LCTCS Board approved a tuition rate increase from \$2,202 to \$3,335. Proposed legislation would further increase the TOPS award amount for this school to \$3,214, an increase of \$1,133. Based on the number of TOPS recipients attending this school for the past five (5) years, the potential increase to the TOPS program is \$87,241; (average number of recipients 77 \* \$1,133 increase). The increase could be higher if there is an increase in the number of TOPS recipients attending, or lower to the extent there are fewer students or they do not attend for the full academic year.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There will be no increase in revenues to the institution. Students are responsible for the difference between actual cost of attendance and the amount of scholarships and grant awards they receive.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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