
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that a course in African American History shall satisfy certain requirements relative to qualification for certain Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) awards.

Present law provides for TOPS as a program of merit scholarships for students attending certain postsecondary education institutions who meet specific initial eligibility requirements, including academic requirements pertaining to grade point average, ACT score, and a specified high school core curriculum.

For a student to be eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award:

Present law requires four units of social studies, as follows:

- (1) One unit chosen from the following: U.S. History, AP US History, or IB US History.
- (2) One unit chosen from the following: Civics, Government, AP US Government and Politics: Comparative, AP US Government and Politics: United States.
- (3) Two units chosen from the following: Western Civilization, European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or World History IB; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics.

Proposed law, applicable to students graduating from high school during the 2021-22 school year or thereafter, adds African American History to the list of courses in (3) above and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 17:5025(intro. para.) and (4)(c); Adds R.S. 17:5025.4)