



Proposed law removes the working group and places the responsibility of the working group into the responsibilities of the advisory council.

Present law provides relative to the funding of the program. Further provides if the available funding is not sufficient to fully fund all eligible award recipients that the monies be provided on a first come, first served basis, with priority given to previous award recipients who have met eligibility requirements and who are continuing in a qualified program for which they were previously enrolled.

Proposed law provides that if the available funding is not sufficient to fully fund all award recipients, awards will first be provided to previous award recipients who meet continuation eligibility requirements and who are continuing in a qualified program and then to other eligible students enrolled in a program as funds are available.

Present law requires the administering agency to adopt regulations and guidelines for the distribution and allocation of monies appropriated for the program and subject to approval by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB).

Proposed law limits JLCB approval to initial regulations and guidelines.

Present law provides for coordination with other state agencies and requires memorandums of understanding (MOU) between the administering agency and the Department of Revenue, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Department of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law adds residency information to the MOU with the Department of Revenue. Further, requires an MOU between the administering agency and the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health to help verify if the student is eligible for certain aid as a proxy to demonstrate income requirements.

Present law provides for a reporting system and provides for certain information to be reported, including demographic data of students.

Proposed law expands the data that shall be collected and reported on by the administering agency.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3047(B)(1), (C)(1)(a), (D), and (E)(1), 3047.2(A)(9), 3047.4(B) and (D)(3), 3047.6(A) and (B), and 3047.7(A)(2) and (B)(2); adds R.S. 17:3047.1(G); repeals R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(12) and 3047.3(A)(9))