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Abstract: Lowers the minimum ACT score required for initial qualification for a TOPS-Tech Award from 17 to 15.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) as a merit scholarship program for students meeting specific initial eligibility requirements, including attainment of a minimum ACT score, which varies by award level.

<u>Present law</u>, for initial qualification for a TOPS-Tech Award, requires a minimum ACT score of 17. <u>Proposed law</u>, applicable to students graduating from high school during or after the 2022-2023 school year, lowers this score from 17 to 15.

(Amends R.S. 17:5024(B); Adds R.S. 17:5024.1)