

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 728

BY REPRESENTATIVES DAVIS, BRASS, CARPENTER, CARVER, EDMONSTON,
FREIBERG, OWEN, ST. BLANC, AND TAYLOR

HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to initial eligibility requirements for the M.J.
Foster Promise Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) and to repeal R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(8)(b), relative
3 to the M.J. Foster Promise Program; to provide relative to eligibility requirements;
4 to lower the minimum age required for initial qualification for a program award; to
5 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3047.2. Initial eligibility

9 A. To be eligible for the award, an applicant shall meet the following
10 requirements:

11 (1) Be at least ~~twenty-one~~ seventeen years old.

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13 Section 2. R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(8)(b) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

14 Section 3. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
15 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
16 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
17 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
18 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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HB 728 Engrossed

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Davis

Abstract: Removes certain initial eligibility requirements for the M.J. Foster Promise Program.

Present law provides for the M.J. Foster Promise Program, a financial assistance program for students attending a two-year public postsecondary education institution or proprietary school who are enrolled in certain qualified programs.

Provides for specific initial eligibility requirements, including being at least 21 years old and not having a conviction for any crime of violence.

Proposed law lowers minimum age for initial eligibility from 21 to 17.

Proposed law removes requirement to have not been convicted of a violent crime.

Otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1); Repeals R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(8)(b))