

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 272

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES. Provides relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Award Program.
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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:3047.1(C) and 3047.4(C)(2) and to enact R.S. 17:3047.6(D),
3 relative to the M.J. Foster Promise Program; to provide relative to appropriations for
4 the program; to provide with respect to administrative rules; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 17:3047.1(C) and 3047.4(C)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted
8 and R.S. 17:3047.6(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §3047.1. Advisory council; membership; responsibilities

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11 ~~C. By January 1, 2022, and at least once every three years thereafter, the~~
12 ~~advisory council shall review the workforce priorities of the state and each of its~~
13 ~~workforce regions and designate qualified programs.~~ **The Louisiana Workforce**
14 **Commission shall convene the advisory council annually for program updates.**
15 **At least once every three years, the advisory council shall review the workforce**
16 **priorities of the state and each of its workforce regions and designate qualified**
17 **programs.**

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2 §3047.4. Funding

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4 C.(1) * * *

5 (2) State appropriations for the program shall not exceed ~~ten million five~~
6 ~~hundred thousand~~ **forty million** dollars per year for students enrolled in public
7 postsecondary education institutions or proprietary schools.

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9 §3047.6. Coordination with other agencies

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11 **D. Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the Louisiana Office**
12 **of Student Financial Assistance shall define the period of the year to which a**
13 **student must attend an educational program in order to qualify under the**
14 **provisions of this Chapter.**

15 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
18 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
19 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument was prepared by Michael Bell. The following digest,
which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
by Carla S. Roberts.

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Present law (R.S. 17:3074.1(C)) provides that by January 1, 2022, and at least once every three years thereafter, the advisory council must review the workforce priorities of the state and each of its workforce regions and designate qualified programs.

Proposed law deletes present law and provides that the Louisiana Workforce Commission convene the advisory council annually for program updates. Further provides that at least once every three years, the advisory council must review the workforce priorities of the state and each of its workforce regions and designate qualified programs.

Present law (R.S. 17:3074.4(C)) provides that state appropriations for the program cannot exceed \$10,500,000 per year for students enrolled in public postsecondary education institutions or proprietary schools.

Proposed law changes the amount the program cannot exceed from \$10,500,000 to \$40,000,000.

Proposed law requires that La. Office of Student Financial Assistance is to define the period of the year to which a student must attend an educational program in order to qualify under the provisions of present law".

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3047.1(C), 3047.4(C)(2); adds R.S. 17:3047.6(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Removes the limit on the allocation to proprietary schools.
2. Requires the La. Office of Student Financial Assistance to define the period of the year.