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1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5029(B)(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) and (iii), relative to the
3 Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to the alternate
4 eligibility requirements for students who complete approved home study programs;
5 to lower the minimum ACT score such students must attain for initial qualification
6 for an award; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:5029(B)(2) and (3)(a) and (b)(ii) and (iii) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §5029. Alternative initial eligibility requirements

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12 B. A student who completes a home study program shall be eligible to
13 receive an award pursuant to this Chapter if each of the following conditions is met:

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15 (2) The student meets the requirements of R.S. 17:5022, 5023, 5024(B)(1),
16 5027, and 5028.

(3)(a) ~~Except as provided in Subparagraph (b) of this Paragraph, For a~~
student qualifying for an initial program award prior to the 2005-2006 award year,
the student has a composite score on the 1990 version of the ACT which is at least
three points higher than that required by R.S. 17:5024(B) for the particular award or
an equivalent concordant value on an enhanced or revised version of such test or on
the SAT.

(b)

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(ii) For a student qualifying for an initial TOPS-Tech or Opportunity Award for the 2008-2009 award year ~~or thereafter~~ through the 2024-2025 award year pursuant to this Subsection, the student shall have a composite score on the 1990 version of the ACT which is at least two points higher than that required by R.S. 17:5024(B) for the particular award or an equivalent concordant value on an enhanced or revised version of such test or on the SAT.

(iii) For a student qualifying for an initial Performance or Honors Award for the 2008-2009 award year ~~or thereafter~~ through the 2024-2025 award year pursuant to this Subsection, the student shall have a composite score on the 1990 version of the ACT which is at least one point higher than that required by R.S. 17:5024(B) for the particular award or an equivalent concordant value on an enhanced or revised version of such test or on the SAT.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____