
DIGEST

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HB 407 Engrossed

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Abstract: Changes 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 meeting the following minimum age requirements:

- (1) Be at least 20 years old in the 2024-2025 award year.
- (2) Be at least 19 years old in the 2025-2026 award year.
- (3) Be at least 18 years old in the 2026-2027 award year.
- (4) Be at least 17 years old in the 2027-2028 award year and thereafter.

Proposed law retains present law minimum age requirements for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 award years, but adjusts minimum age requirements for future years and requires the following for applicants to be initially eligible:

- (1) Be at least 21 years old in the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 award years.
- (2) Be at least 18 years old in the 2028-2029 award year.
- (3) Be at least 17 years old in the 2029-2030 award year and thereafter.

Proposed law provides that a recipient who is initially eligible in the 2024-2025 or 2025-2026 award years remains eligible so long as the recipient meets requirements to present law (R.S. 17:3047.3).

Proposed law requires the administering agency to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education by Jan. 1, 2028, that includes certain information and data relative to the program.

Effective on July 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 17:3047.2(A)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Education to the original bill:

1. Adjust minimum age requirements for future award years.
2. Require the administering agency to submit a report to the House and Senate committees on education by Jan. 1, 2028.
3. Add effectiveness on July 1, 2026.