
DIGEST

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HB No. 243

Abstract: Grants TOPS eligibility to certain students graduating with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma from a high school that is located outside La. or outside the U.S. and that is approved by the IB Organization to issue such a diploma.

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) as a program of merit scholarships for students attending certain postsecondary education institutions who meet specific grade point average, ACT/SAT score, and core curriculum requirements and certain other qualifications. Provides that certain students who graduate from certain high schools outside La. or outside the U.S. are eligible for TOPS awards under alternative academic guidelines if the student graduated from a high school which meets certain approval or accreditation criteria or the student completed an approved home study program outside of the U.S.

Proposed law additionally provides eligibility for TOPS awards under alternative academic guidelines if the student graduated during the 2010-2011 school year or thereafter with an IB Diploma from a high school located outside La. or the U.S. and approved by the IB Organization to issue such a diploma.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3048.1(P)(1)(a) and (V)(1)(a))