

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 1115

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON AND SENATOR THOMPSON

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:274.1(A) and (B)(1) and 3048.1(A)(1)(f)(iv), relative to the
3 Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide relative to the high school core
4 curriculum required for initial eligibility for a program award; to provide for
5 alignment of such core curriculum with certain courses required for high school
6 graduation; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:274.1(A) and (B)(1) and 3048.1(A)(1)(f)(iv) are hereby amended
9 and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §274.1. Civics and Free Enterprise; required; exceptions

11 A. ~~At~~ Except as provided in Subparagraph (B)(1)(b) of this Section, all
12 public high schools shall give instruction in Civics and Free Enterprise as a
13 prerequisite to graduation. Instruction shall be given in accordance with the course
14 of study prescribed by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education as
15 provided in this Section. The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
16 shall prescribe suitable teaching materials for the instruction.

17 B.(1)(a) For students who enter the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2011,
18 instruction in Civics shall be given for two semesters, equal to one unit of credit;
19 such instruction shall include a section on Free Enterprise.

20 (b) For students who enter the ninth grade on or after July 1, 2014,
21 Government, AP US Government and Politics: Comparative, or AP US Government
22 and Politics: United States may be substituted for Civics as required by this Section

1 and shall satisfy the Civics and Free Enterprise instruction as a prerequisite to
 2 graduation.

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4 §3048.1. Program awards; eligibility; amounts; limitations; funding; administration

5 A.(1) As part of the Louisiana Taylor Opportunity Program for Students, the
 6 state shall financially assist any student who enrolls on a full-time basis in a public
 7 college or university in this state or a regionally accredited independent college or
 8 university in the state that is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent
 9 Colleges and Universities, hereafter in this Chapter referred to collectively as
 10 "eligible colleges and universities", to pursue an academic undergraduate degree or,
 11 as provided by this Subsection, skill or occupational training as defined by the Board
 12 of Regents, including a vocational or technical education certificate or diploma
 13 program or a nonacademic undergraduate degree, and who meets the qualifications
 14 of Subparagraph (b), (c), or (d) of this Paragraph and all of the applicable following
 15 qualifications:

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17 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Section and beginning with students
 18 graduating in the 2017-2018 school year and thereafter, meets the standards for
 19 admission to the desired college or university and has successfully completed a core
 20 curriculum which consists of nineteen units of high school course work, as follows:

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22 (iv) Social Studies - Four Units

23 (aa) One unit chosen from the following: U.S. History, AP US History, or
 24 IB US History.

25 (bb) ~~One-half~~ One unit chosen from the following: Civics, Government, AP
 26 US Government and Politics: Comparative, ~~or~~ AP US Government and Politics:
 27 United States.

28 ~~(cc) One-half unit chosen from the following: Economics, AP~~
 29 ~~Macroeconomics, or AP Microeconomics.~~

1 ~~(dd) One unit of Civics may be substituted to satisfy the combined subject~~
 2 ~~matter requirements enumerated in Subitems (bb) and (cc) of this Item.~~

3 ~~(ee)~~ (cc) Two units chosen from the following: Western Civilization,
 4 European History, or AP European History; World Geography, AP Human
 5 Geography, or IB Geography; World History, AP World History, or World History
 6 IB; History of Religion; IB Economics, Economics, AP Macroeconomics, or AP
 7 Microeconomics.

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APPROVED: _____