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SB 169 Original DIGEST Morrish  
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Present law provides relative to 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 (GPA), ACT scores, and core curriculum requirements and certain other qualifications.

Present law defines "eligible colleges and universities" as:

- (1) A public college or university in this state.
- (2) A regionally accredited independent college or university in the state that is a member of Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (LAICU).
- (3) A specified out-of-state nonpublic college or university designed to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students.
- (4) Certain cosmetology schools.
- (5) Certain proprietary schools.

Proposed law deletes LAICU member colleges and universities, cosmetology schools, and proprietary schools from the definition of "eligible college and university".

Proposed law provides a program award recipient enrolled in LAICU member colleges and universities, cosmetology, and proprietary schools in the 2016-2017 award year may use the remainder of his award eligibility, provided all program eligibility requirements are met.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:5027(B), adds R.S. 17:5002.1, repeals R.S. 17:5002(B)(2) and (3) and R.S. 17:5027(D))