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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENTS

2016 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Representative Bagley to Engrossed Senate Bill No. 174 by Senator Donahue

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, delete lines 2 through 17, delete pages 2 and 3, and on page 4, delete lines 1
3 through 23 and insert the following:

4 "To amend and reenact R.S. 17:5002(B) and (D)(2) and to enact R.S. 17:5002.1, relative to
5 the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students; to provide that a student shall pay
6 tuition prior to the commencement of each academic period and may be reimbursed
7 the amount of a program award if the meet requirements for maintain eligibility; to
8 provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. 17:5002(B) and (D)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted

11 and R.S. 17:5002.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

12 §5002. Awards and amounts; payments; reimbursements

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14 B. ~~(1) Any~~ As provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, any student who
15 is eligible for an Opportunity, Performance, or Honors Award pursuant to this
16 Chapter and who has enrolled:

17 ~~(1)~~ (a) In any public college or university in this state, shall be awarded by
18 the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition
19 charged by the public college or university.

20 ~~(2)~~ (b) At any regionally accredited independent college or university in the
21 state which is a member of the Louisiana Association of Independent Colleges and
22 Universities to pursue an academic undergraduate degree, shall be awarded by the
23 state an amount to be determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted
24 average of amounts paid under this Section for students attending public colleges and
25 universities that offer academic undergraduate degrees at the baccalaureate level.

26 ~~(3)~~ (c) In a school that has a valid and current certificate of registration issued
27 by the Louisiana State Board of Cosmetology in accordance with law and that is
28 accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States
29 Department of Education or in any proprietary school that has a valid and current
30 license issued by the Board of Regents in accordance with law and that is accredited
31 by an accrediting organization recognized by the United States Department of
32 Education, shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering
33 agency to equal the weighted average of amounts paid under this Section for students
34 attending public colleges and universities who are enrolled in the permitted skill or
35 occupational training, as may be applicable.

36 ~~(4)~~ (d) In an out-of-state college or university that is specifically designed
37 to accommodate deaf and hard-of-hearing students under R.S. 17:5027(C), shall be
38 awarded an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted
39 average of amounts paid under this Section for students attending Louisiana public
40 colleges and universities that offer academic undergraduate degrees.

41 (2) A student or his legal guardian shall pay the tuition amount due to a
42 college or university prior to the commencement of an academic period. If the
43 student meets all requirements relative to maintaining eligibility as provided in R.S.
44 17:5041, he shall be reimbursed by the administering agency according to the
45 applicable award amount provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.

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D.(1) ~~Except as otherwise~~ As provided in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, a student who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant to this Chapter and who is enrolled:

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~~(2) A student who graduated prior to the 2016-2017 school year, who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant to this Chapter, and who is enrolled:~~

~~(a) In an eligible college or university that does not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged by the college or university:~~

~~(b) In an eligible college or university other than as provided for in Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted average of amounts paid to students attending an eligible public college or university that does not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level. A student or his legal guardian shall pay the tuition due to a college or university prior to the commencement of an academic period. If the students meets all requirements relative to maintaining eligibility as provided in R.S. 17:5042, he shall be reimbursed by the administering agency according to the applicable amount provided in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection.~~

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§5002.1 Awards and amounts; exceptions

A. The provisions of R.S. 17:5002(B)(2) and (D)(2) shall not be applicable to any student who graduates from high school prior to the 2019-2020 school year.

B. Notwithstanding R.S. 17:5002(D), a student who graduated from high school prior to the 2016-2017 school year, who is eligible for a TOPS-Tech Award pursuant to this Chapter, and who is enrolled:

(1) In an eligible college or university that does not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged by the college or university.

(2) In an eligible college or university other than as provided for in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection shall be awarded by the state an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the weighted average of amounts paid to students attending an eligible public college or university that does not offer an academic undergraduate degree at the baccalaureate level."