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SB 380 Engrossed

DIGEST
2018 Regular Session

Bishop

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law creates a new award, the TOPS Second Chance Award.

Proposed law provides that a TOPS Second Chance Award recipient must have a 2.50 GPA based on the TOPS Opportunity, Performance, or Honors high school core curriculum, scored at least a 17 on the ACT test, and meet the following criteria:

- (1) Graduated from high school during or after the 2021-2022 school year.
- (2) Enrolled in an eligible four-year institution not later than the semester, excluding summer semesters and sessions, immediately following the first anniversary of the date that the student graduated from high school.
- (3) Remained continuously enrolled in an eligible four-year institution and earned at least sixty hours of academic credit within two consecutive academic years enrolling in an eligible institution.
- (4) Maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 each academic year.
- (5) Remain enrolled in a baccalaureate program at a TOPS eligible four-year institution.
- (6) Not accepted a TOPS-Tech Award.

Proposed law provides that to maintain eligibility for the award, a student must:

- (1) Make steady academic progress toward a degree as defined by the administering agency.
- (2) Maintain a cumulative grade point average 2.50 on a 4.0 scale.
- (3) Maintain continuous enrollment.
- (4) Have no criminal conviction, except for misdemeanor traffic violations and,
- (5) Received an honorable discharge or general discharge under honorable conditions, if the student was in the United States Armed Forces and separated from such service.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:5002(E)(2) and 5025(intro para); adds R.S. 17:5002(H), 5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e), 5026.1, and 5042.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides additional eligibility requirement.