

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 402 (SB 203)

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Walsworth

Prior law provided for the Grant Opportunity for Youth ChalleNGe Skills Training Program (GO-Youth ChalleNGe) for students who graduate from the La. National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program with a general education diploma to receive a grant for postsecondary education skills training.

New law extends eligibility to GO-Youth ChalleNGe students who graduate from the La. National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program and earned a BESE-issued diploma or its equivalent. Expands postsecondary education options for these students to include a certificate, diploma, or associate or baccalaureate degree required for a high-demand, high-skill, high-wage career.

Prior law required a student to meet certain other eligibility requirements, including enrolling in an eligible postsecondary institution not later than the semester, excluding summer semesters or sessions, immediately following the first anniversary of the date the student graduated from the La. National Guard's Youth ChalleNGe Program.

New law provides that, effective the 2020-2021 award year and thereafter, the administering agency may, by rule, provide for an earlier or later initial enrollment date.

Prior law provided for the program to be administered by the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission, and authorizes the commission to prescribe appropriate rules and regulations for the program.

New law clarifies that the administering agency is the Board of Regents, through the office of student financial assistance.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 17:3050.1, 3050.2(A) and (B)(1)(intro para), 3050.3, and 3050.4(D))