
DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the Northwest La. Promise Program, a scholarship program for students at Bossier Parish Community College.

Northwest Louisiana Promise Program, generally

Proposed law creates the Northwest La. Promise Program for the purpose of providing financial assistance to students enrolled at Bossier Parish Community College (college). Provides for program administration by the Bd. of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges (board).

Eligibility

Proposed law provides that to be eligible for an initial program award, a student shall:

- (1) Be at least 25 years old.
- (2) Have earned a high school diploma or high school equivalency.
- (3) Be a resident of Bossier Parish, Caddo Parish, or Webster Parish.
- (4) Be enrolled at the college in an eligible career and technical certificate program as determined by the board, which shall base such determinations on which programs are aligned with state workforce priorities in the northwest La. regional market area as determined by the La. Workforce Commission.

Proposed law provides that to maintain eligibility for program awards, a student shall have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 and maintain continuous enrollment in an eligible program.

Award payment and funding

Proposed law provides:

- (1) Award payments shall be made to the college on behalf of a qualifying student for a maximum of four semesters.
- (2) The board may seek, accept, and expend funds from any source that are available for this

purpose.

- (3) Program implementation is subject to the availability of funds.
- (4) The board shall adopt policies for proposed law implementation.

(Adds R.S. 17:1877)