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<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes an annual individual income tax credit for foster caregivers who incur postsecondary educational expenses on behalf of their foster children.

<u>Proposed law provides that the credit is 100% of the allowable educational expenses paid during the year up to \$20,000 per year.</u>

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes a refund for the portion of the credit that exceeds the taxpayer's income tax liability.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that educational expenses include tuition, fees, textbooks, and instructional materials associated with the foster child's attendance at a postsecondary educational institution.

<u>Proposed law</u> defines "foster child" to include those individuals participating in extended fostercare services.

<u>Proposed law</u> authorizes the secretary of revenue to issue regulations, forms, and instructions that may include documentation requirements necessary to determine a taxpayer's eligibility for the tax credit.

<u>Proposed law limits the credits to educational expenses paid before Jan. 1, 2026.</u>

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

(Adds R.S. 47:297.16)

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