

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 346

2022 Regular Session

Thompson

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP: Provides for a program and a fund for the purpose of providing scholarships for students in approved teacher preparation programs.

DIGEST

Proposed law establishes the Geaux Teach Program and Geaux Teach Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students in approved teacher preparation programs at postsecondary education institutions and:

- (1) Provides for administration of the program by the state Dept. of Education (DOE), which shall provide for application requirements, eligibility criteria, and selection of scholarship recipients; prohibits DOE from using more than 3% of the funding available for the program for administrative costs.
- (2) Creates the Geaux Teach Fund for the purpose of providing funding for the program.
- (3) Requires the State Bd. of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt rules for proposed law implementation.

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

(Adds R.S. 17:7.6)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the engrossed bill:

1. Change effective date of proposed law from Aug. 1 to upon signature of governor.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Changes administrative agency to the Louisiana Office of Financial and Student Assistance.
2. Provides that students in alternative teacher certification programs may be granted awards.
3. Provides initial and continuing eligibility requirements.
4. Provides the award shall be applicable for tuition and fees only and may be used only after other financial aid is applied.