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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Provides that dependent children of parents living overseas meet TOPS residency requirements under certain conditions.

Present law provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a program of merit scholarships awarded to students attending certain postsecondary education institutions who meet certain academic and other qualifications, including residency requirements.

Proposed law provides that a student satisfies the residency requirements if he is the dependent child of a parent who:

- (1) Is living outside the U.S.
- (2) Is not on active duty with the U.S. armed forces.
- (3) Was a resident of La. who actually lived in La. for at least the 24 months preceding the date he started living outside the U.S.
- (4) Has remained a resident of La. through the date of the student's graduation from high school or completion of an approved home study program.

(Adds R.S. 17:5023(B)(5))