

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 327****2023 Regular Session****Seabaugh**

TOPS: Relative to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), provides that dependent children of parents living overseas meet TOPS residency requirements if certain conditions are met

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Remove retroactivity provision.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

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 his parent or court-ordered custodian:

- (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))