

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
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Subject: TOPS-Tech Awards	Analyst: Chris Henry

TOPS OR DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the termination of the TOPS-Tech Award beginning with the 2029-2030 award year

Proposed legislation terminates the TOPS-Tech scholarship program with the completion of the 2028-29 award year. Provides for the full repeal of certain statutes pertaining to TOPS-Tech and deletion of references to the program. Students who graduate from high school through the 2026-27 school year will be able to qualify for the award. Any student that enters high school in 2024-25 or after will not be eligible for the award.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	DECREASE	DECREASE	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	DECREASE	DECREASE	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Beginning in FY 28, there will be a decrease in expenditures from a combination of SGF and Dedications out of the TOPS Fund resulting from the termination of the TOPS-Tech program. Based on the last five years of activity, as seen below, the average number of annual TOPS-Tech awards is 2,448 with an average cost of \$6.2 M per academic year.

<i>Academic Year</i>	<i>Awards</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
2022-23	2,429	\$6,105,209
2021-22	2,584	\$6,548,428
2020-21	2,616	\$6,641,501
2019-20	2,654	\$6,616,012
2018-18	<u>1,959</u>	<u>\$4,897,904</u>
Average	2,448	\$6,161,811

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent student enrollment declines as a result of the termination of TOPS-Tech, there could be a corresponding decrease in tuition and fee revenue at postsecondary institutions.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |


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