

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 728

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Davis

**HIGHER EDUCATION: Provides relative to initial eligibility requirements for the M.J. Foster Promise Program.**

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DIGEST

Present law provides for the M.J. Foster Promise Program, a financial assistance program for students attending a two-year public postsecondary education institution or proprietary school who are enrolled in certain qualified programs.

Provides for specific initial eligibility requirements, including being at least 21 years old and not having a conviction for any crime of violence.

Proposed law lowers minimum age for initial eligibility over a period of 4 years from 21 to 17.

Proposed law requires the reporting system must include data on newly eligible students by age.

Otherwise retains present law.

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

(Amends R.S. 17:3047.2(A), 3047.7(B), and 5002(D), (E), (F), and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

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

1. Creates a gradual system for lowering the age for initial eligibility for the M.J. Foster Promise Program.
2. Reinstates current law to have not been convicted of a violent crime.
3. Requires certain data be included by reporting system.
4. Allows a TOPS Tech recipient to enroll in any program of study.