## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Requires schools to use a 10-point grading scale to assign grades used in calculating a student's GPA for initial TOPS award qualification purposes.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS), a merit scholarship program. Provides for academic criteria students must meet in high school in order to qualify initially for a program award, including attainment of a minimum GPA on a specified core curriculum. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> generally requires public schools to use a uniform 10-point grading scale. <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and requires schools (both public and approved nonpublic schools) to use this grading scale for purposes of assigning grades used in the calculation of such minimum GPA regardless of whether the school uses a different grading scale for other purposes.

(Amends R.S. 17:5024(A)(1))