

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2025 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to Engrossed House Bill No. 77 by Representative Turner

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line at the beginning of line 5, delete "17:5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e)," and insert "17:5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 7, insert "to revise academic initial eligibility criteria for a TOPS-Tech award; to provide for qualification for a TOPS-Tech award based on the attainment of certain early college credits,"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 13, delete "R.S. 17:5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e)" and insert "17:5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D)"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, after line 30, insert the following:

"D.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section, a student who is otherwise eligible for a TOPS-Tech award pursuant to this Chapter shall qualify for the award if he meets at least two of the following requirements as determined by the administering agency:
(a) Attainment of a minimum grade point average on the core curriculum as provided in Subsection A of this Section.
(b) Attainment of a minimum ACT score as provided in Subsection B of this Section or R.S. 17:5029(B)(3), as applicable.
(c) Successful completion of either at least nine credit hours of early college credit, which may be attained through academic or technical dual enrollment courses, or equivalent validated skills and learning measures as approved by the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council.
(2) The provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Subsection are applicable to students enrolling in an eligible college or university as first-time freshmen during or after the 2025-2026 academic year."