

**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 2, after "reenact" delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 3, delete "paragraph) and (D)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph),"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the beginning of line 5, delete "17:5024(A)(1)(e) and (B)(1)(e)," and insert "17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D),"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 6, delete "to revise program award amounts;"

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 1, line 7, after "for" and before "to" delete "program purposes;" and insert "certain program purposes; 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. 5

On page 1, line 10, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and at the beginning of line 11, delete "paragraph) and (D)(2)," and insert "R.S. 17:5002(A), (E)(1) and (3), and (G), 5025(introductory paragraph),"

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 1, line 13, after "reenacted and" delete the remainder of the line and insert "R.S. 17:5002(I) and 5024(A)(1)(e), (B)(1)(e), and (D) are hereby enacted to read as follows:"

AMENDMENT NO. 7

On page 1, at the beginning of line 15, change "A.(1)" to "A."

AMENDMENT NO. 8

On page 1, at the beginning of line 17, delete "(2)" and delete lines 18 through 20 and delete pages 2 through 6 and on page 7, delete lines 1 through 9 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 9

On page 7, delete lines 16 through 18 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 10

On page 8, delete lines 16 through 21 and insert the following:

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AMENDMENT NO. 11

On page 9, delete lines 24 through 28 and on page 10, delete lines 1 through 13 and insert the following:

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I.(1) Any student who is eligible for an Excellence Award pursuant to this Chapter and who has enrolled in any public college or university in this state, shall be awarded by the state either an amount determined by the administering agency to equal the tuition charged by the public college or university or twelve thousand dollars, whichever is less.

(2) For purposes of this Subsection, "tuition" means the annual resident tuition and fees charged by the institution as reported in the Board of Regents annual mandatory tuition and fees survey."

## AMENDMENT NO. 12

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 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."

## AMENDMENT NO. 13

On page 11, delete lines 7 through 28 and on page 12, delete lines 1 through 3

## AMENDMENT NO. 14

On page 12, at the beginning of line 23, delete "beginning with the 2025-2026 award year,"